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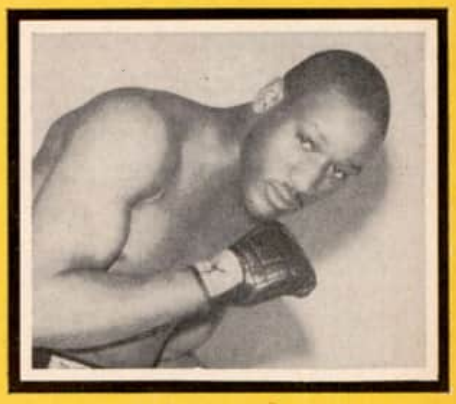

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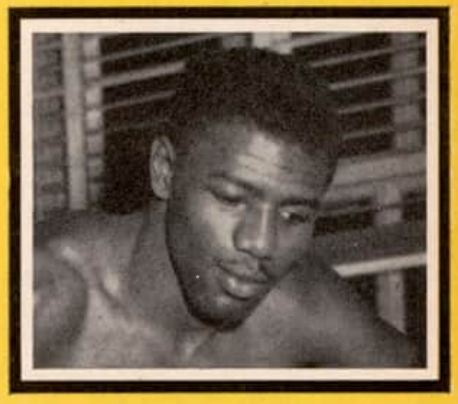

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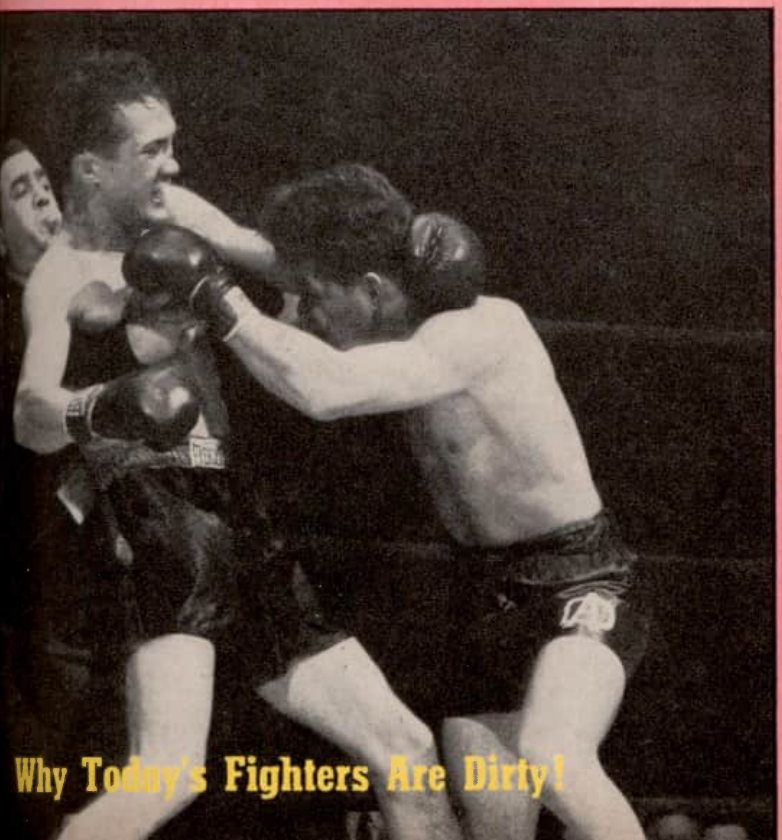

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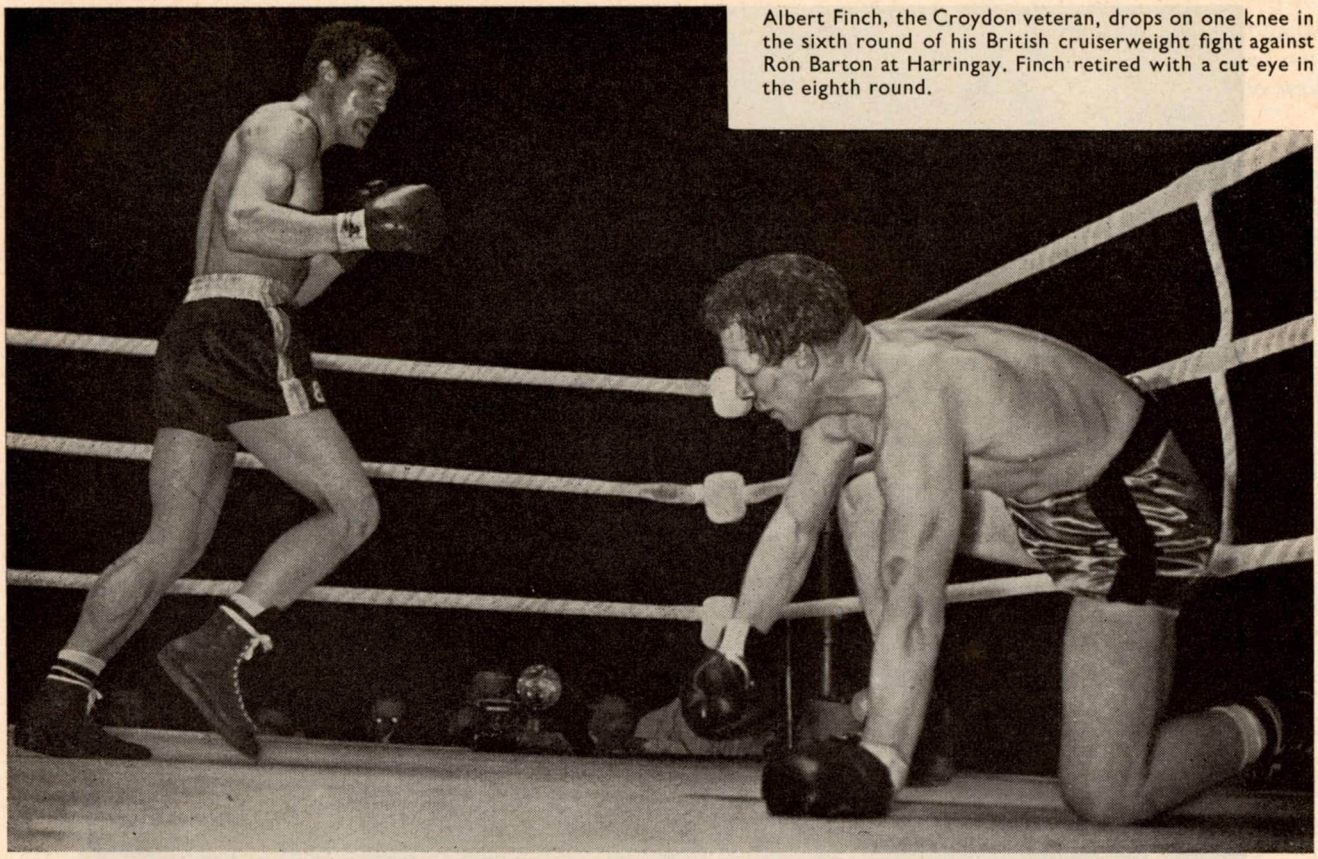


Albert Finch, the Croydon veteran, drops on one knee in the sixth round of his British cruiserweight fight against Ron Barton at Harringay. Finch retired with a cut eye in the eighth round.

BARTON is new cruiser king

By JAMES BUTLER

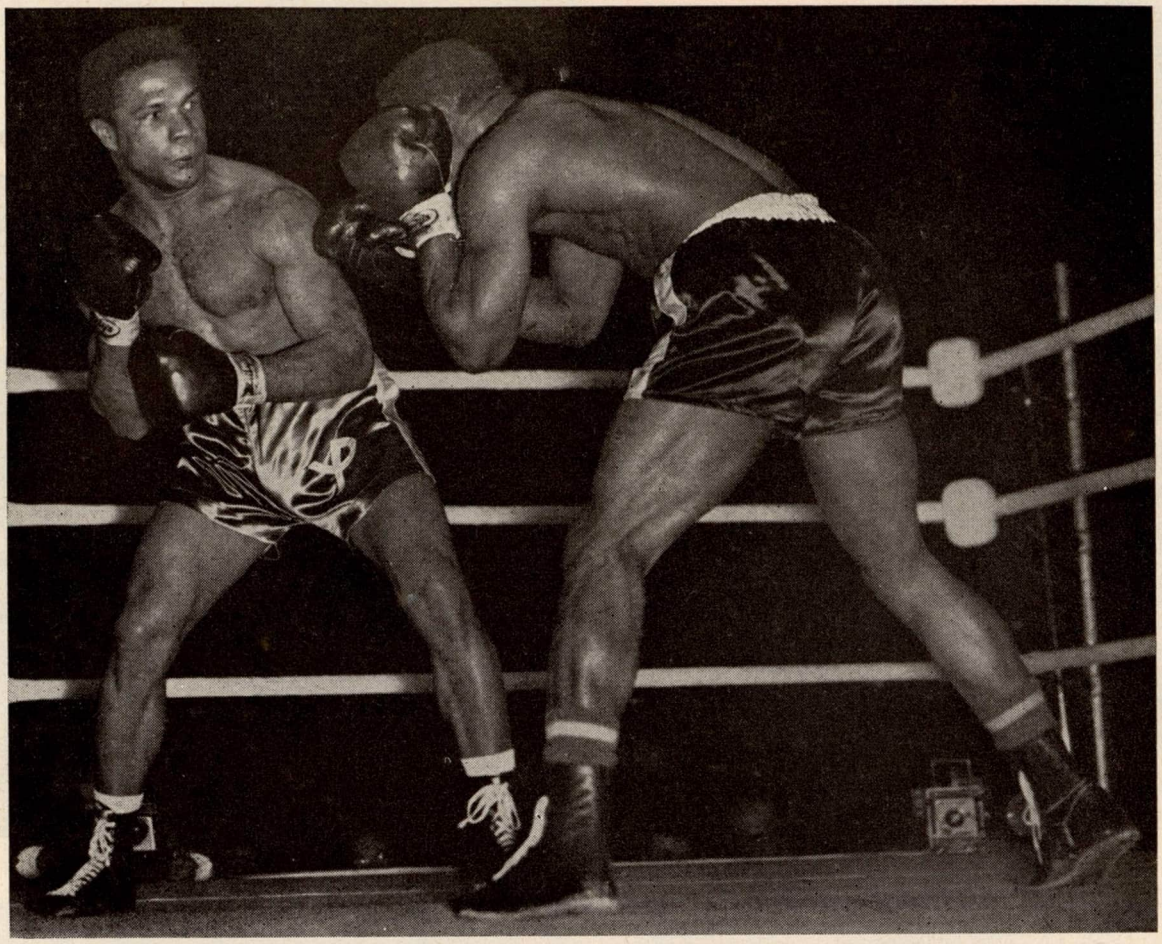
Ron Barton, the handsome lad from West Ham, became British light-heavyweight champion when he stopped Albert Finch, the Croydon veteran, in eight rounds at London's Harringay Arena. The question now being asked is this: Is Barton going to prove a better champion than Randy Turpin, who gave up this title twice without ever losing it? Turpin originally took the light-heavyweight title from Don Cockell, but surrendered it in order to battle for the world middleweight crown. He regained this 12st 7lbs crown from Alex Buxton with a two round knockout, but surrendered it once more after losing on a knockout to Gordon Wallace, the Canadian.

Turpin was, of course, a far better middleweight than he was a light-heavy, but Ron Barton has still to prove himself as good as Turpin. The West Ham boy looked excellent for three rounds. He boxed cleverly against the older but more wily Finch, stabbing out his left lead and scoring many points. All the time he was edging Finch on the rounds.

Then suddenly the fight took a dramatic turn. Finch threw a right, and Barton lost his balance and fell backwards across the middle rope. For a few seconds he was stretched across the rope completely helpless, and it was touch and go whether he toppled over backwards and fell out of the ring on to the press benches. Had this occurred, Barton may well never have climbed back in time to beat the 10 seconds count. Luck was on his side, and after wriggling backwards and forwards, he finally balanced himself the correct way and landed back on his feet instead of on his head.

Barton fought back viciously, but there was no doubt he had been disturbed by his undignified pose. It seemed at first he may have hurt his back, because Barton had been troubled with a painful back when losing his only professinonal contest to the Italian, Alessandro D'Ottavio at Manchester last November.

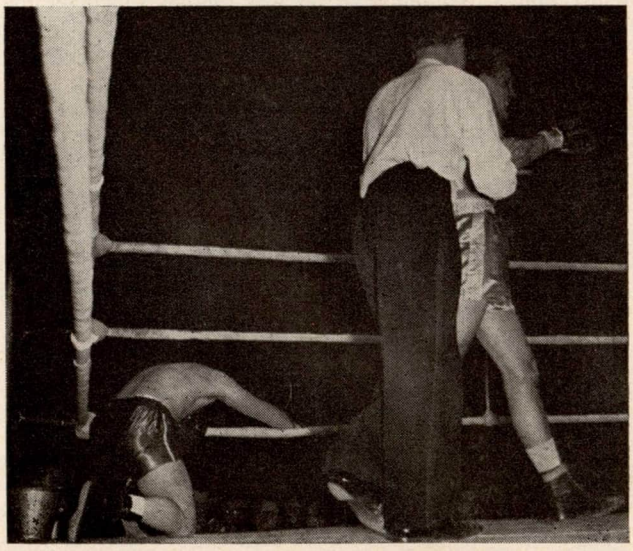
However, Barton was himself again in the fifth round, and he punished his veteran opponent with left and right hooks, and in the fifth had Finch badly shaken with body blows. The Croydon fighter appealed against one blow



Moses Ward (right), the American Negro, covers up as Yolande Pompey sets himself to let go with a right. Pompey found Ward a tough opponent to knock over, but the Trinidad boxer avenged a previous defeat in Chicago by forcing Ward to retire after seven rounds at Harringay.

landing in his kidneys. But it was a right to the head in the sixth round that was to bring him victory. This punch split open Finch's left eye brow, and soon the Croydon man's face was covered with blood. At the end of this round Referee Ike Powell examined the cut in the corner, but allowed Finch to continue.

The old-timer went out for the seventh round in do-or-die mood, and to the astonishment of the crowd had Barton in serious trouble completely exposing the former amateur middleweight champion's lack of ring knowledge.



Referee Tommy Little leads Henry Cooper to his corner after declaring him the winner over Maurice Mols, French heavyweight champion. Mols was halted in fourth round of this Albert Hall bout.

A left hook had Barton glassy-eyed. Another left hook sent him backwards, and he toppled down. He was up almost before a count could be made, but this is where an experienced boxer would have taken a brief rest to clear a dizzy head. Instead, Barton jumped up instinctively, and then fighting furiously tore into Finch who was now in the position of snatching a surprise victory.

In the exchange of blows Barton slipped down again, but once more he jumped to his feet before a count could be made. But Finch was all in himself. His gallant seventh round rally had taken it out of him, and although he well won this round he returned to his corner a tired fighter.

The eighth was the last. Barton came out determined to make up for his poor showing in the previous round, and a right hand punch tore open the wound above Finch's left eye, and soon after the distressed veteran stopped boxing declaring to the referee "It's no use. I can't see to keep it up."

And so Barton, having survived that turbulent seventh round, had won the British light-heavyweight crown after only twenty-two professional bouts. He has now to prove whether or not he will become one of our better champions. Manager Arthur Boggis at least promises he will be a busy champion, and I'm glad to hear this, because busy champions are usually successful.

Barton needs to become more rugged, and I would like to see him recapture the timing he revealed in his earlier

professional bouts. Against Finch he was often out of distance with his right cross. This punch was once his finest blow. Barton would be well tested by either Alex Buxton in a title bout. Buxton is still a good puncher as he proved when knocking out the German Max Resch in Frankfurt. In fact, there are few better cruiserweights than the Watford fighter when he is in the right mood.

Yolande Pompey, the Trinidad cruiser, who seems to spend most of his time waiting for Archie Moore to make up his mind when he will defend his world title, easily beat Moses Ward, a beared coloured fighter from America, who retired after seven punishing rounds.

It was not a good fight to watch, because it was so one-sided. Ward seemed to take up one position with his back on the ropes, and was content to take everything that Pompey threw, and to occasionally counter with a good left or right.

Pompey has been criticised for not showing a punch. But I believe Ward was an iron man who couldn't be knocked over. Even when he retired he was not in danger of being knocked out. I agree that Pompey was not impressive, but I wonder how many fighters would impress against the negative stance of Moses Ward?

On this form, however, I would not give Yolande any great chance of beating Archie Moore . . . unless Moore has deteriorated after the hammering from Marciano plus the task of having to make 12st 7lbs again.

Brian London, of Blackpool, is still undefeated. He was in "killer" mood against Jose Peyre, a Belgian, who cried "Enough!" after only 1 minute 10 seconds fighting. In that short time London hit the Belgian several hard punches as Peyre retreated at great speed round the ring.

CARDIFF'S FIGHT OF THE YEAR

While Jack Solomons was happy to transfer the British and Empire heavyweight championships bout between Don Cockell and Jack Gardner from London to Leicester, Syd Evans, the Welsh promoter, has grabbed the "fight of the year" for Cardiff in the clash between Joe Erskine, the undefeated Cardiff heavyweight, and Dick Richardson, the Newport milkman, at Maindy Stadium early this month.

Not since the days of Jack Petersen has the boxing fan of South Wales shown so much excitement. Although Erskine, up to the time of this fight, claimed an undefeated record as a professional and was made favourite by reason of his more skilful tactics, it is the rugged style, the tremendous punching power and the gameness of Richardson that has caught the public's imagination, and they believe Dick may well win the British heavyweight title in the next eighteen months or two years.

Richardson is, of course, still very much a novice, but he has more potential qualities to become a worthy champion than most of his predecessors of recent years.

Take Jack Petersen for a start. Here was a handsome, dashing youngster who could pack any indoor or outdoor stadium in Britain. Jack had personalitiy, boxing ability and a goodish punch. Whenever he fought, the spectators were assured of some excitement. I shall always recall in his early days when he was being outboxed and cut to ribbons by Charlie Smith, of Deptford. When the bell sounded the start of the fifteenth and last round, the Welsh crowd were depressed because it was obvious Jack had met his first defeat as a professional and by a large margin of points at that.

What did Petersen do? He came out looking a sorry figure, but he threw every drop of his remaining strength into attack, and to the delight of the crowd knocked out Smith with a glorious right hand punch when time was running out fast.

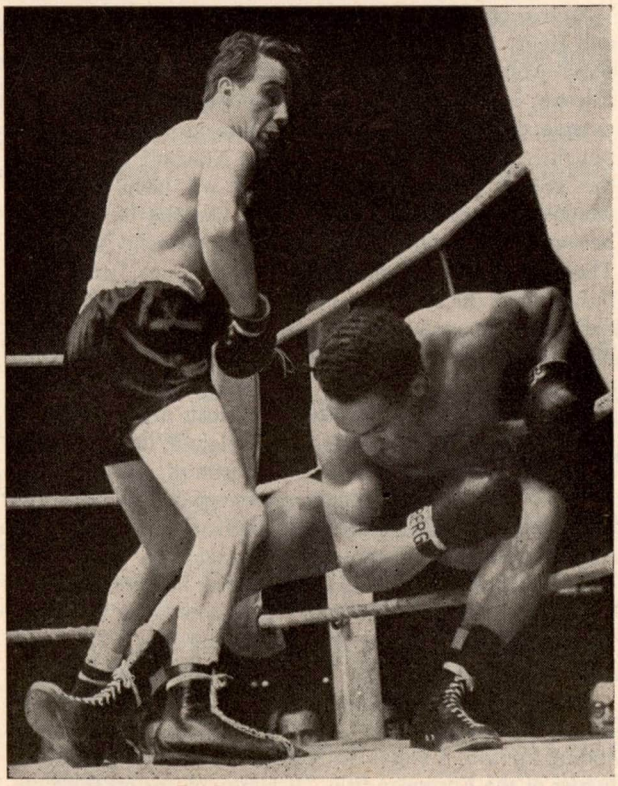
Smith wasn't satisfied, and so they signed for a return in Cardiff, and this time dashing Jack flattened Charlie Smith with almost the first punch of the fight. That is what I mean by saying Petersen nearly always provided a thrill.

Petersen was dashing right through his career, but he could never overcome the German Walter Neusel, who beat him three times. And the reason for this was that while Jack was willing to rough it and was as game as they came, he was not sufficiently rugged to mix it with men of Neusel's weight. You see, Jack seldom ever scaled 13st, and he found this lack of weight to be his one failing in his bid for more ambitious honours than the British and Empire crowns.

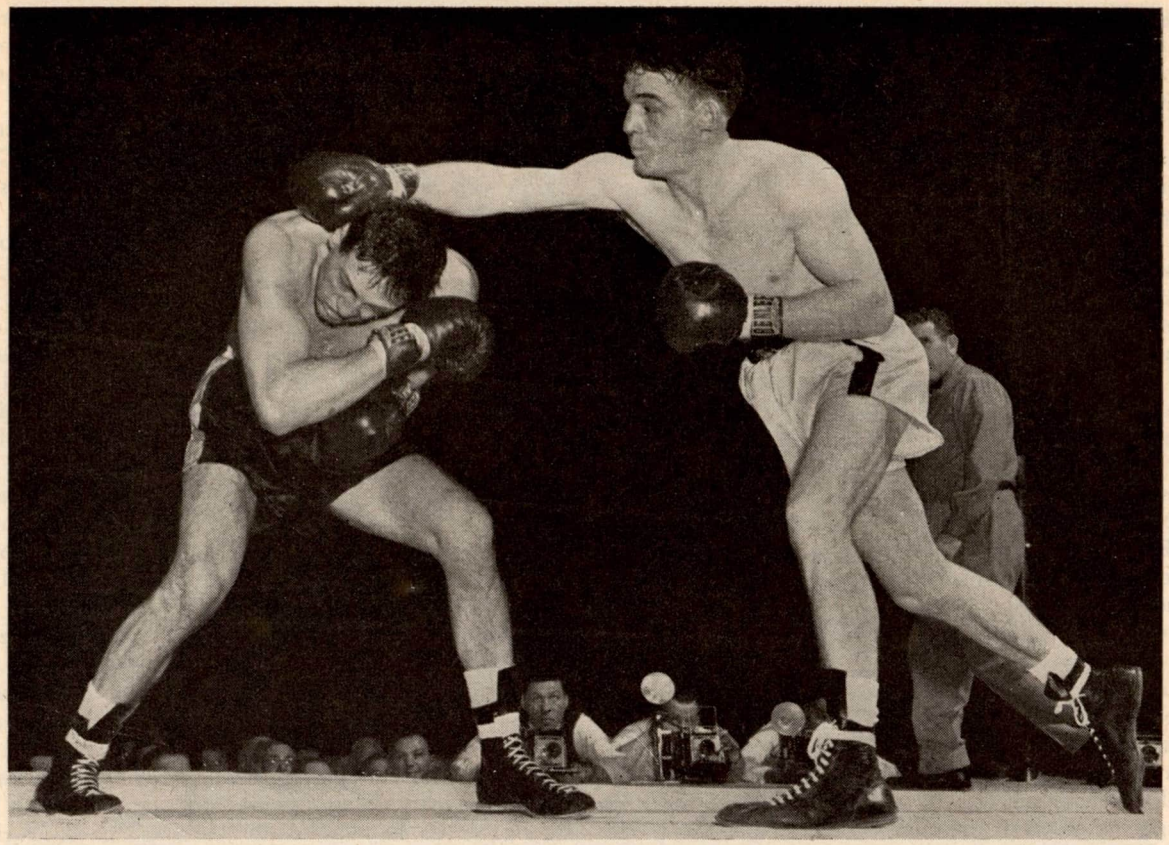
Tommy Farr, another Welsh heavyweight, possessed the ruggedness that Petersen lacked, but Tonypandy Tommy lacked the essential of a world beater—a knockout punch. With Petersen's right hand Tommy probably would have won a world title.

Bruce Woodcock suffered with Petersen's weakness . . . a lack of ruggedness and toughness. Bruce cut far too easily as was shown in his gruelling battles with Joe Baksi and Lee Savold. Yet Bruce could punch well, and wasn't a bad boxer. I still maintain he was a prospect who might have gone much farther had his handlers being more patient. His early battles with Tami Mauriello and Baksi were signed before he was ready for tests against such experienced opponents.

Johnny Williams lacks ruggedness. Jack Gardner is rugged, and as strong as an ox, but lacks Williams punch and speed. Don Cockell is tough enough and is an excellent boxer, but Cockell has always lacked a big punch since



Alex Buxton, former British light-heavyweight champion ducks to avoid right from Max Resch, of Germany. Alex came back to thrill 5,000 Frankfurt fans knocking out Resch in the tenth round. It was the German's first defeat.



Johnny Sullivan, of Preston, just misses with his right as Rocky Castellani, ducks during their ten-rounder at Madison Square Garden. Sullivan was cheered by the crowd, but the judges awarded an unanimous points win to Castellani.

joining the heavyweights, and his tendency to put on weight has prevented him from becoming the perfect heavyweight in spite of many fine qualities.

So we come down to Erskine, Richardson, Brian London and Henry Cooper. Erskine is another Farr . . . a first-class boxer who will tie up some of the best heavyweights in Europe, but Cardiff Joe isn't a big puncher. The crowd, outside of Cardiff, won't go for him as they will for a puncher like Richardson. To say the Newport youngster is the greatest heavyweight prospect we have produced would be careless prophecy, but I like the look of him because he has some of the qualities of Rocky Marciano. They tell me Rocky hasn't the skill of a novice, but when a fighter wins the world heavyweight title, and remains undefeated because he is too tough to be knocked out and hits too hard for all his opponents, he strikes me as being a crude but efficient world champion. Richardson could also become a crude but efficient British title-holder. Yet when stopping Marcel Limage, of Belgium, in five rounds at Cardiff, Dick showed surprising restraint.

Henry Cooper, the Bellingham heavyweight, is smarting because his proposed match with Richardson at Harringay some months ago fell through because of the Welshman's injured right hand. Says Henry: "If Dick had not damaged his hand, it would be me who would now be in the news, because I know I have the beating of him." To which Manager Jim Wicks adds: "You can say that again!"

Wicks had big plans whereby Henry could ignore the British contenders, and go after the continental challengers ending up with a match with Franco Cavicchi, the Italian holder of the European title. "If Henry cleans up the Continent they'll have to give him a crack at the British and Empire titles" declared Jim.

With this in mind Henry was matched with Maurice Mols, the French heavyweight champion, at the Albert Hall, London. It was Cooper's first bout since he had damaged his hand against Joe Erskine last November, and from that point of view Henry gave a good show as he certainly used both fists with effect on the short French champion, but it was not a brilliant fight, and some ringsiders thought Henry should have polished off Mols more efficiently.

As it was, Mols sank to his knees in the fourth round and Referee Tommy Little intervened, and Cooper was declared the winner. Jim Wicks was indignant at the lack of enthusiasm shown for his fighter. "We beat the French champion in four rounds" growled Wicks. "What do they want us to do kill him?"

JOHNNY PLEASES AMERICA

Although I don't think Johnny Sullivan, of Preston, former British middleweight champion, will regain the title now held by Pat McAteer, of Birkenhead, he has shown up well in America.

Johnny's losing ten-rounder against Rocky Castellani in New York's Madison Square Garden made him many new friends. Sullivan in many ways reminds me of Kid Berg. He is a two-fisted performer, and if he doesn't put so much action into a fight as did the Kid, he still gives the customers good value.

Berg also made his reputation in America. He went to the States without a British title behind him, and with only a moderate reputation here, but he had such a big heart that soon he was thrilling the tough New York fight crowds and meeting and beating the best fighters in America including Kid Chocolate, Tony Canzoneri and Billy Petrolle. All the Kid lacked was a k.o. punch.

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On visit to Marciano's camp, Dempsey (left) shows Rocky how he used to belt the big bag. (Below, right) as the Manassa Mauler looked at his dynamic peak.

ASKED: "Could I beat Marciano?"

Jack Dempsey, considered by many as the greatest, talks freely in an interview with a Ring authority.

By DAN DANIEL

JACK DEMPSEY, going around the country flattening wrestlers, is much disturbed over the present heavyweight boxing situation. I caught him in St. Petersburg, Florida where, while watching the Yankees in a workout at the ball park, I got him to talk about Rocky Marciano and his next opponent.

"In the heavyweight division," he said, *"all is confusion. Rocky Marciano is the world champion and that's about all that is definite and encouraging. Nobody stands out for Rocky's next title defense. It's not a very encouraging picture, is it?"* Dempsey said.

"Moore, No. Bob Satterfield, Hurricane Jackson, John Holman, Eddie Machen and the rest? What do you think? My answer is no. They simply don't fit into a world heavyweight picture.

Floyd Patterson? Perhaps, but not until he gets more seasoning and his handlers put aside their cautiousness and give us a chance to see just how good Floyd is by putting him up against good talent."

Asked how long Rocky would continue to rule king of the heavyweights, Jack replied: *"One never can tell. The mental strain and the legs have a considerable bearing. So far as the present field of contenders figure, I don't think Marciano has to worry."*

When asked if he thought that in his prime he could have whipped the Marciano whose clouting power has placed him in the class of all-time punching greats among the heavies, Jack chuckled, and said:

"I keep avoiding answering that question. It's purely a matter of opinion. Marciano, Louis, Fitzsimmons, Jeffries, Tom Sharkey—they all have loads of enthusiastic followers who believe each was in a class by himself as a hitter. We know Rocky can sock and anyone he hits is likely to hear the birdies sing."

What type fighter did he think could whip Rocky, I countered. A hitter like Jack? A clever boxer like Tommy Loughran or Gene Tunney?

Again, a chuckle.

"The kind I'm thinking about is not on the fistic market today," said Jack. *"It's the combination fighter, the kind I met when I faced Gene Tunney. It will require a combination boxer with cleverness, hitting power and one who can match Rocky's excellent physical condition to beat him,"* said the old champ.

And then Dempsey reminisced. He seemed to be thinking of the days when he was in his prime and probably what might have happened had he and Marciano fought. He spoke of Tunney and compared the physical condition of Gene with that which Rocky possesses every time he faces an opponent in the ring.

"You know, every time I see Rocky in action, he reminds me of Gene."

"In what way," I asked.

"Mostly conditioning. There wasn't a fighter in my days who trained so hard, perfected himself so thoroughly and entered the ring so fit as did Gene. Visualize him in the two battles we fought and you quickly get your answer on why he won the title from me and then repeated his victory when we met in Chicago," he answered.

Then he continued: "Marciano has set an example for the youth who have taken up boxing as a profession. Those who want to get to the top must be hard as nails, have a clear picture of what they hope to accomplish and must avoid the pitfalls that so often mean the difference between success and defeat. That's where Rocky shines and if he continues to remain in the field, I doubt that any of the present crop, newcomers or veterans, can hold a candle up before him. Like Gene Tunney, Rocky has mastered conditioning—a most important factor in boxing," said Jack.

INTEREST IN DEMPSEY AT AMAZING PEAK

Interest in Dempsey personally is at a very high level. Perhaps this has something to do with the lack of outstanding class among the contenders, so called, for Marciano's title. When the current picture becomes drab, the fans turn for solace to their idols of the past. And the old Mauler still is very much an idol.

The customers have revived the old dispute as to whether Dempsey, in his prime, could have whipped Joe Louis.

It is strange, but yet the truth. As time rolls on, Louis and his superlatives recede into the background, and Dempsey's skills become more and more impressive.

This traces, in part, to the fact that Louis is the more recent fighter. So many thousands of fans have seen Joe swinging hot leather. But how many actually saw Dempsey in action the day he took the title from Jess Willard in Toledo in 1919? How many watched him lose to Gene Tunney at Philadelphia, and again at Chicago?

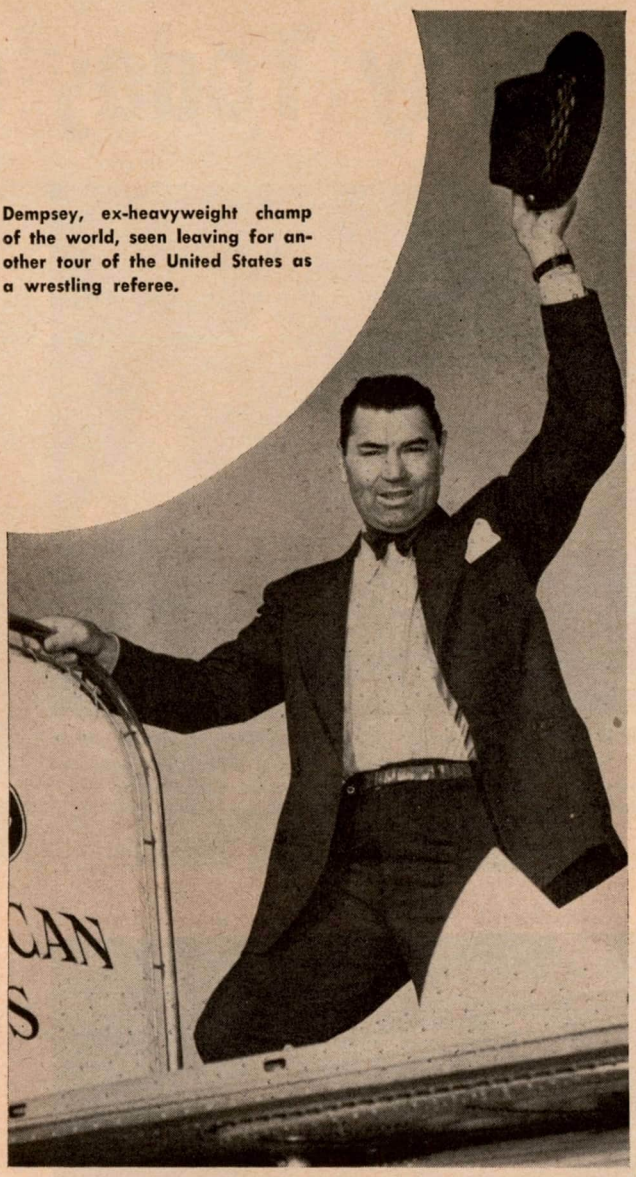
Dempsey is not a man with an inflated ego. He is a realist if ever there was one in the ring. He believes that he could have whipped any man who ever climbed through the ropes. How correct is this belief? Who can say?

Dempsey is not backward about saying that he could have stopped Louis. He agrees that Joe and his drive would have presented very serious problems. But Jack is sure that he could have tagged Louis with enough before the Brown Bomber could have got to him with sufficient.

"Joe probably will apply one to my whiskers next time I see him," Dempsey chuckled. "But I think I could have taken him, and who is there to tell me 'NO.'"

JACK DODGES QUESTION OF MARCIANO'S CLASS

On the subject of Marciano, Dempsey is reticent. Jack likes Rocky. Also, Rocky is in competition, making a living



Dempsey, ex-heavyweight champ of the world, seen leaving for another tour of the United States as a wrestling referee.

out of the ring, and Jack is not one to demean a ruling champion.

It is one of Marciano's fine distinctions that he attracts friends, friendly attitudes. He is something of a fistic Babe Ruth. The home run king was everybody's friend, and everybody was his pal. He never ran anybody down, and nobody ever blasted him.

That's Marciano, and Dempsey would be the last one to utter one sentence aspersing Rocky's class, his place in the all time rating.

Could he have taken Marciano? Dempsey chuckled. *"I don't want Rocky to walk up to me one of these days and lay me out. Rocky is a terrific puncher, a fine guy, a good fighter, our current standout."*

There are things which Marciano could do better if he followed Dempsey's advice. What things? There, again, Dempsey begged off.

"Marciano has a fine coach in Charley Goldman, and this man Weill knows a few things, too. Marciano is a fine fighter. He has been taught much by Goldman since he started his climb to the top. It takes time. Rocky has gone a long way in perfecting his faults."

I saw Dempsey win the title at Toledo. I saw Louis defend his championship on numerous occasions and I've seen Rocky often. I don't believe that Marciano rates him-

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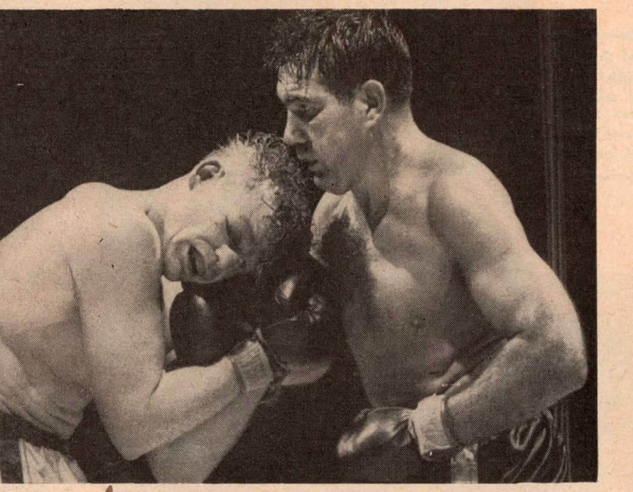
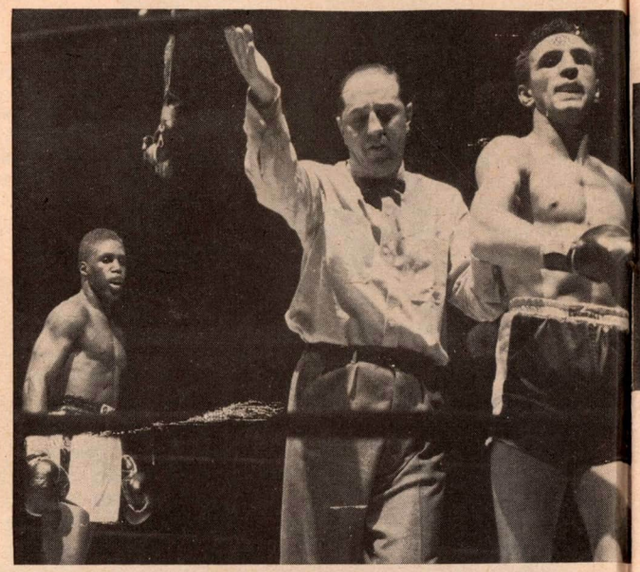
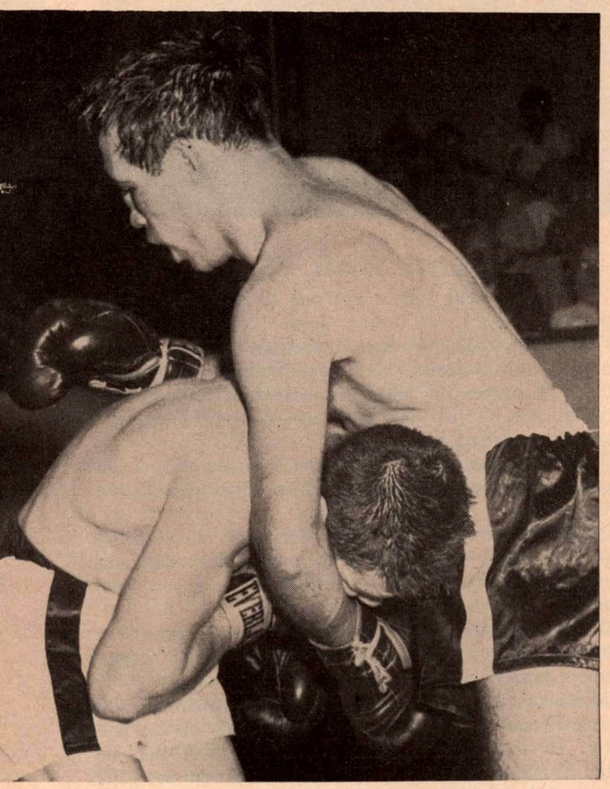
Why Today's Fighters Are DIRTY



Early in his light heavyweight title fight with Joey Maxim (right) in 1951 Bob Murphy's right eye puffed up and became an easy and vulnerable target. "I guess I blew my nose," said Murphy but it probably was Maxim's thumb, deftly placed and unnoticed.



Johnny Saxton (left) is an awkward guy to fight and can usually make any opponent look bad. So bad that the referee might stop the bout as did (above) Ruby Goldstein who declared Livio Minelli no match for Saxton in Garden encounter in 1952.



The Old Squeeze Play. Billygoat Paddy DeMarco gains a headlock and a tiring advantage of opponent Kenny Lane in bout at St. Nick's last year. DeMarco was given the split decision, the edge no doubt accruing from the "advantages" taken.

Tricks of the Trade A Lost Art; Ignorance and Blundering Left Instead

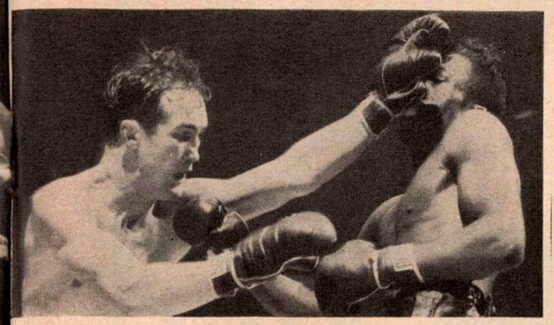
By LESTER BROMBERG

AN old warning reminds us that "the way to Hell is paved with good intentions." In other words, and this applies very aptly to many of our younger boxers today, meaning to do the right thing doesn't guarantee they'll fight according to the rules—unless they know how.

Ignorance of sound tactics and the blundering which grows out of same too often makes an undesirable stylist of a lad whose personal code is as clean as the proverbial whistle. Result: loss of popularity and public punishment, both of which brand him far more vividly than if his violations were intentional but better masked.

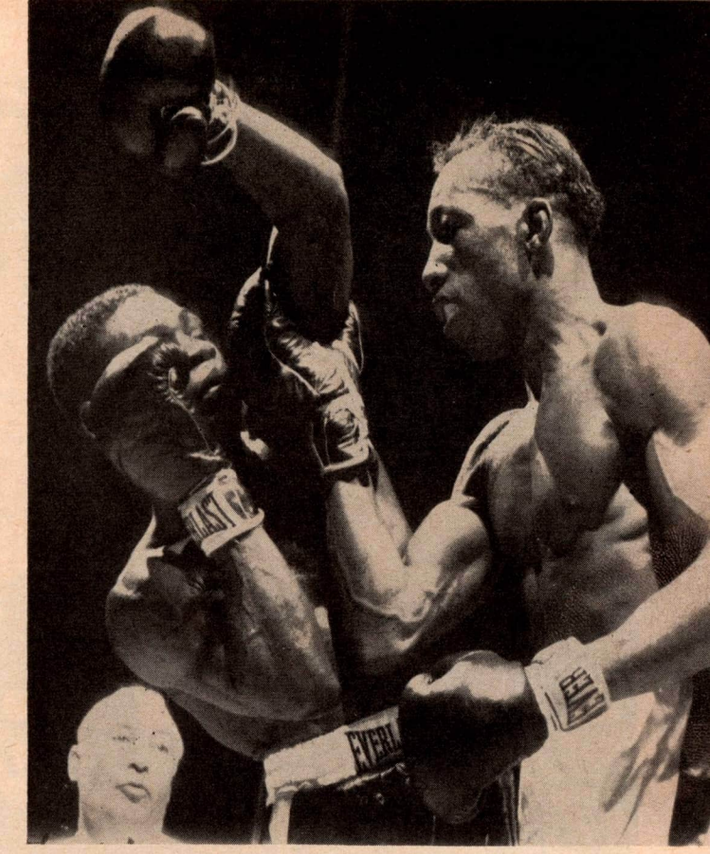
Let's look a little deeper and see what constitutes rules-breaking that can't be detected. Nobody who has been around boxing would be naive enough to believe there aren't tricks which get by the referee, not to mention a good segment of the fans.

To begin with, one would have to concede that, as of now, it is pretty much a lost art. Probably the only fighter plying his trade who knows how to cover his tracks in this regard is Willie Pep and he's 33 years old with his era as featherweight champion distinctly behind him. Sandy Saddler? Oh, no! He catches the blame all the time.



(Above) No frill-and-lace man was Fritzie Zivic (left) who was a cutey all the way. Here he gives the palm of his glove to Billy Arnold in 1945, probably rubbing the laces into the face a split second later.

(Right) Sandy Saddler (right) world featherweight champion, can wear out and tire an opponent more easily than any other fighter in the ring today with his illegal though elusive-to-nail tactics. Here challenger Teddy (Red Top) Davis is tossed off balance while his left bicep suffers.



ZIVIC MASTER TECHNICIAN IN HIDING ROUGH STUFF

A couple of generations back there were countless fighters who were wolves but whose sheeps' clothing disguise was practically foolproof.

For example, take Fritzie Zivic, the Pittsburgh flat nose who became welterweight champion near the fag end of his career. He boxed 18 years, must have had around 230 fights and was a ruthless citizen all the way but would you care to guess how many times he was disqualified?

Exactly never!

Such unique innocence, on the record, was merited. Fritzie's fingers were in and out of the cracker jar so rapidly that the human eye hardly could follow the operation.

One of Zivic's cleverest gimmicks was lassoing an opponent around the neck with his left hand, pulling him in and then jolting the poor guy's head back with a right uppercut. In fact, he never would have become champion if he hadn't used this successfully on Henry Armstrong.

Punch for punch, shoulder to shoulder, Armstrong, though fading at the time, still would have been too much for Fritzie if things were even. Fritzie wasn't going to let things remain that way, naturally, and went to work in his own way.

The late Eddie Mead, in Henry's corner, complained bitterly. But who could see it happening? Zivic was too shrewd to do it twice in a row. And, what's more, the move was so much a part of him that there was no tipoff.

ZIVIC AT BEST IN BRAWL WITH DAVIS

Possibly the most premeditated extra-curricular mayhem of Fritzie's entire career came the night he fought Bummy Davis. And he wound up wearing a halo while Davis got the bum's rush.

Remember that one? In the second round Bummy went off his rocker, slinging punches to the groin until Referee Billy Cavanaugh jumped to stop it—and caught a knee himself.

All during the turmoil Zivic played the aggrieved party, appealing to Cavanaugh for protection. Yet, according to Davis *and he said it to his dying day*—he was shot to death some years later trying to balk a holdup—Fritzie started everything. In the first round he'd slid his thumb into Bummy's eye, Davis said, blinding him "And when I tried to tell the referee, he just snapped at me, 'keep fighting'!"

This writer, with all the New York scribes, was at ringside that night, but being truthful, I doubt if many could say they spotted it.

Old-time observers tell you the skill of an authentic thumber is in the manner in which he does the damage. The preliminaries are carefully legitimate—the jabbing arm shoots out, glove closed as required, and the thumb doesn't snake forward until the last split second. Then it's withdrawn equally as fast.

Often the victim has no awareness except the sensation of pain. "Something got in my eye" is his mystified reaction and, if a cornerman were to say, "that was rosin dust," he'd be likely to agree.

And don't think that even veteran seconds haven't been fooled. At Sam Langford's death earlier this year, Joe Woodman, his longtime manager, recalled Langford's fight with Fred Fulton.

"All of a sudden Sam chucked it," he said. "It surprised me, because I knew he was the gamest fighter I'd ever had. It wasn't until he came around to my house three or four days later that I realized that he just couldn't see. Eventually he went blind in that eye. But, if you'd asked me during the fight, I couldn't have told you what happened."

In later years there was a lightheavyweight title fight between Joe Maxim, the crafty champion, and Irish Bob Murphy, wide open but exciting southpaw challenger. The fight had only gone three or four rounds when Bob's eye blew up, automatically making him a target from that side. "What happened?" a handler asked between rounds. "I

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Saxton Wins Title

By **NAT FLEISCHER** *Direct from Ringside*

IF back pedalling, jabbing and holding is all that is necessary for one to win a world title, then Johnny Saxton of Brooklyn definitely relieved Carmen Basilio of Canastota, N. Y., of the welterweight championship in the Chicago Stadium. But if aggressiveness plus hard body punching counts for more, as is customarily admitted in boxing circles, then Carmen was dealt a hard blow below the belt when he was deprived of his crown through a unanimous decision. My verdict, like the majority of the 12,145 who viewed the battle in the huge Windy City arena, favored Basilio, who, stunned and embittered by the loss of his title, vowed that never again would he fight in Chicago.

He may change his mind should Jim Norris succeed in getting him a return bout with his "**conqueror**" since Saxton cannot box in New York unless he severs his relations with his present manager, Blinky Palermo. But one cannot blame Carmen for his outburst. The announcement by Ben Bentley of the three scores that gave the defending champion little credit for his activity throughout the fifteen rounds and enabled his opponent to regain the throne he had lost when he was knocked out by Tony DeMarco in Boston, set off a derisive din that seemed almost as unanimous as was the decision favoring Saxton.

The crowd displayed its feeling in no uncertain terms but the vote of the officials is all that counts and by virtue of their verdict, Saxton again wears the crown. A return bout is imminent and should draw best in the arena in which the unsatisfactory decision was rendered.

Throughout the contest the same pattern was followed and because of that, the fans couldn't believe their ears when they heard the announcement naming a new title holder. With few exceptions, Basilio did all the leading. He made the fight. Saxton jabbed, backed away, whenever Basilio charged in jumped into a clinch then repeated the same procedure after the break—jab, back-pedal and clinch while Carmen did the bulk of the fighting. And every time Basilio pounded the body at close range, Referee Gilmer ordered him to break though Carmen's hands were free and the challenger was guilty of holding.

Any wonder Basilio cried and issued his ultimatum when he lost the championship?

BASILIO'S STREAK OF VICTORIES SHATTERED

The weird verdict ended Basilio's undefeated fifteen bout streak including two draws since he lost to Gavilan in his first attempt to win the welter title three and a half years ago, and halted his run of twelve straight triumphs. This was the third time that Basilio fought in Chicago and left with the verdict against him, yet on each occasion the concensus favored him by a wide margin.

The first time he lost a 10 rounder to Chuck Davey, then a disputed decision to Billy Graham but in neither of those was the shock so great as when he was shorn of his crown through a decision that stunned not only him but 20 out of twenty-seven ringside scribes and thousands of onlookers, professionals and amateurs, both at the ringside and the video fans.

What was most amazing was the fact that one judge gave the defending title holder only three rounds and another only four!

Considering that Basilio definitely won the last two rounds and most assuredly earned more than two in the remaining thirteen, the lop-sided scoring brought down the roof with booing, hisses and catcalls. This was one time when the supporters of the champion and the title holder had a legitimate beef.

What's in store for Basilio now? Jim Norris, who handles the reins in these title bouts, is undecided on the future of the loser. He prefers to have Tony DeMarco get the next crack at the championship in view of his knockout triumph over Saxton in their previous title bout. He is eager to put that contest on in Boston where it is certain to draw a tremendous house, and could be staged with a TV blackout area in the Boston ball park. He would then pit the winner against Basilio.

Carmen, on the other hand, wants a return bout with Saxton. As for Saxton, he prefers to tackle the winner of the Olson-Robinson champion match in a middleweight title bout. Such a contest wouldn't draw flies and Norris realizes that.

SAXTON FREQUENTLY FORCED TO ROPES

The gathering of 12,145 that paid $104,288, didn't view as thrilling a contest as either of the bouts between DeMarco and Basilio, but there was sufficient interest to keep the fans on edge. It wasn't an exciting affair due to the care with which the challenger worked in an effort to keep the ever-winging champion away from him.

Saxton, scaling 146¾ to 146 for the defending title holder, was the eighth man in ring history to regain the 147 pound crown. It was a contest in which there were no knockdowns, but fourteen times in the fifteen rounds, Basilio rushed his opponent against the ropes where he pounded his body until ordered to breakaway.

With forty-nine seconds of the third round remaining, an unusual thing took place. One of the gloves of the challenger burst along the fingertip and the bout was halted for half a minute while a new glove was placed on Saxton's left hand.

Though the debate on the decision raged for days following the affair, no finger of suspicion can be cast in any of the three officials, each a reputable business man. That they erred in their judgment is a fair accusation but the loose talk about the "mobsters" getting to the officials and the "bout being in the bag for Saxton", doesn't merit any comment. It is too ridiculous to discuss.

Referee Gilmer is a lawyer of repute and an official who has worked in many important contests. Judge Ed Hintz is a banker and Judge Jimmy McManus is an auto dealer. They are sportsmen of the highest order. No one can accuse any of the trio of acting in concert to dethrone Basilio.

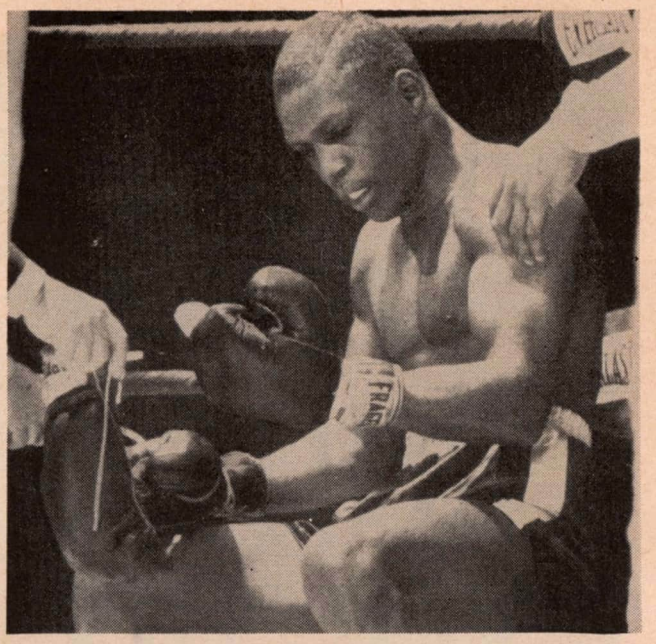
Basilio proved that he is best against a fighter of his own style, like DeMarco. He missed frequently, as did his clever opponent.

It was a fight between a slugger and a boxer and the latter, with few exceptions, stuck to boxing and retreating most of the time. On occasions he countered well, halting the drive of the champion, and it was during those moments that the huge gathering was treated to good fighting.

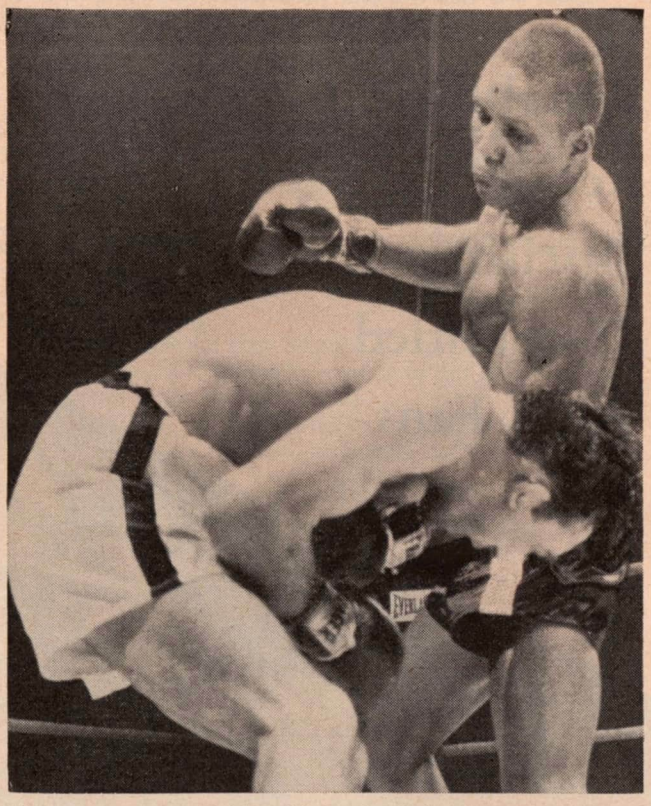
WINNER FLICKS STINGING JABS TO CARMEN'S FACE

It was apparent from the beginning that Saxton's plan was to depend on his flicking, stinging jab to keep Basilio off balance in his rushes and Johnny often succeeded. As early as the second round, one of the jabs caused a slight cut under Basilio's left eye and shortly after, the jabs drew the claret from Carmen's nose. It wasn't until the fifth round that Saxton sustained any visible injury when a hard right to the mouth cut his lips and the blood flowed from the wound.

As is well known, Basilio is a chronic scar tissue case.



Johnny Saxton stares at his left glove which burst open during the third round of the Basilio fight. It was the first time on record that a glove sprung a leak during a championship bout.



Johnny Saxton scores with a left to the body of crouching Carmen Basilio mid-way through their title contest which saw Saxton regain the welterweight crown in an unpopular fifteen round decision at Chicago.

He cuts easily and with the claret covering his face and purple and red bruises to boot, it appeared that he had been badly mangled. It is his general appearance in all ring battles that gives the impression he is far more damaged than he actually is. Saxton, aside from his cut lips, showed no outward signs of bruises. He was unmarked.

The man who came closest to scoring a knockdown was Basilio. It happened in the second round, his best.

Carmen fired a beautiful left hook that crashed against the chin and rocked his rival. Saxton momentarily went off

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CALLING the RIOT SQUAD

Squabbles in Belfast Recall Other Notable Uprisings by Disgruntled Fight Fans

By JERSEY JONES

SURE, and 'tis been said that if there's anything an Irishman likes better than a fight, it's two fights. It doesn't always matter who supplies the opposition, either. A fight's a fight, and if no enemy is available, a friend will do. . . .

On our television screen recently we caught a filmed version of an entertaining Irish story, which ended in a grand melee in a local tavern, or pub, with everybody swingingly merrily at everybody else. While the free-for-all was at its liveliest, the camera shifted to the town patriarch, sitting off by himself, calmly smoking his pipe and letting Irish nature take its inevitable course.

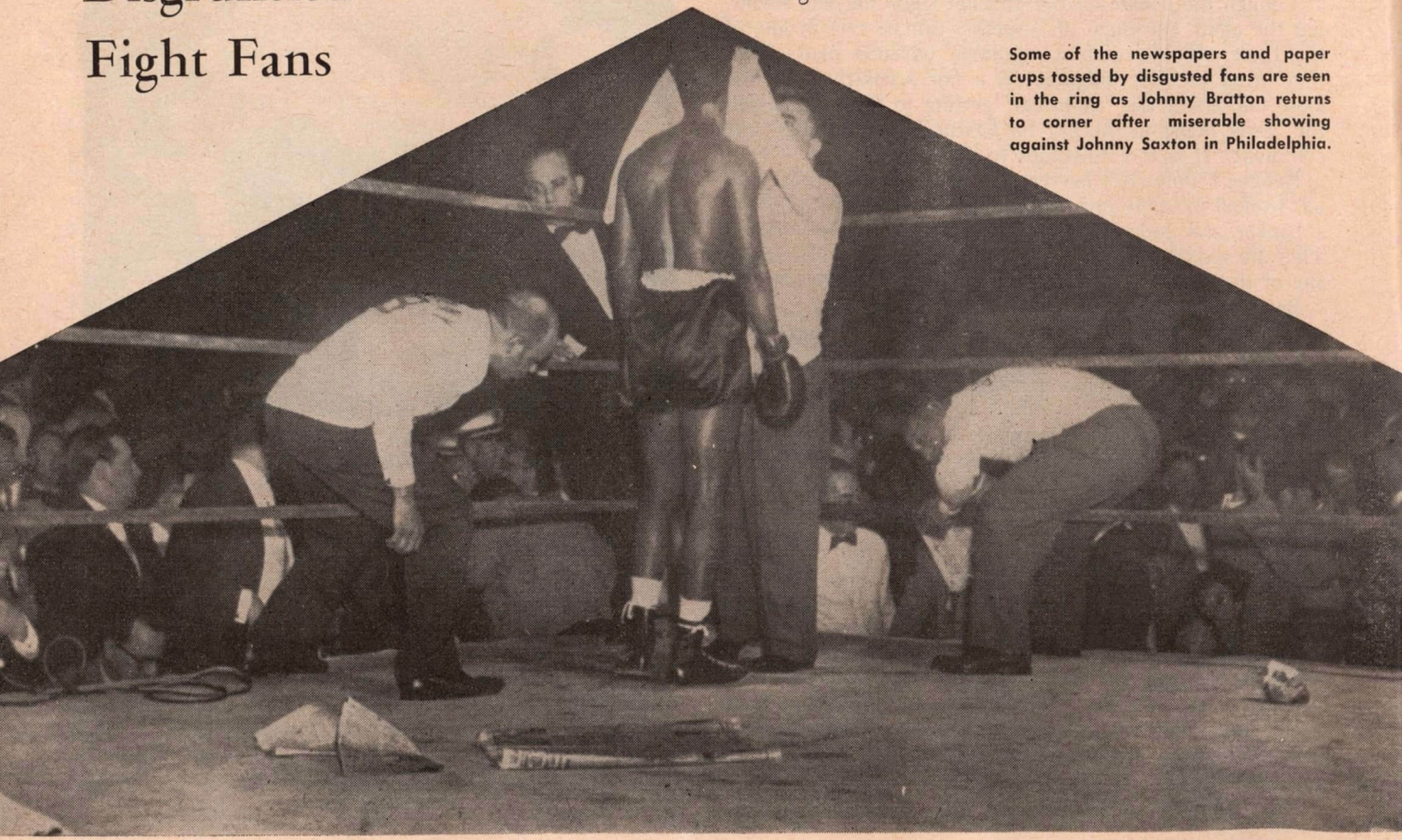
"The world," he philosophized as the film faded out, "will never lack for conflict while there are Irishmen."

There are times, however, when a definite dividing line should be drawn between "good clean fun" and disgusting rowdyism. The sort of things that followed the decision in the recent Billy (Spider) Kelly-Charley Hill bout in King's Hall, Belfast, reflect no credit on either boxing in general or the sportsmanship of Irish fans in particular.

The decision may have been unpopular, but that hardly excuses the hooligan behavior of Kelly's overly-rabid cohorts in venting their displeasure in such a violent and wantonly destructive manner.

KELLY, the local idol, was defending his British featherweight title against Hill, a Scot. Completing the cast, the referee, Tommy Little, was a "neutral" Englishman.

At the end of fifteen rounds, Little decided Hill had won. Rumbles of discontent began to buzz through the arena. Things started to happen. They started modestly enough with boos and whistles. As the booing and whistling increased in volume, newspapers and programs and bits of food were heaved at the ring. Then came more substantial objects—bottles and chairs. Reports said a few shillelaghs also were in evidence.



Some of the newspapers and paper cups tossed by disgusted fans are seen in the ring as Johnny Bratton returns to corner after miserable showing against Johnny Saxton in Philadelphia.

World middleweight champion Ray Robinson is escorted from ring by Berlin police after unsatisfactory ending of bout with Gerhart Hecht precipitated a riot by irate German fans.

Having warmed themselves up on these preliminaries, the irate Kelly constituents went to work in earnest. Mobs swarmed into action. Referee Little, the immediate object of their non-affections, escaped by having himself hustled under the ring. Unable to vent their wrath on Little, the embattled hosts proceeded to assault everybody in sight A local referee, sitting in the press section, was knocked unconscious by a bottle. Another bottle ripped a nasty gash on the head of a reporter. A photographer was slugged to the floor and brutally kicked. The announcer, trying desperately to restore order, was knocked down five times but kept struggling gamely to his feet. Kelly's handlers tried to quell one gang by dumping a bucket of water over them. Back came the pail.

It was twenty minutes before the police, using clubs and threatening with guns, finally broke up the riot.

Eight victims were rushed to the hospital. A score of others were given first-aid treatment for an assortment of less serious injuries.

This was the second time within a year that a defeat for Kelly in an important bout had provoked disorder by belligerent fight fans. The previous affair, attended by The Ring's Nat Fleischer, was in the Donnybrook Bus Terminal near Dublin, when Kelly hooked up with the French veteran, Ray Famechon, for the latter's European title. The referee, Barend Bergstroem of Holland, awarded the decision to Famechon. The partisan crowd didn't like the verdict. A thunderous vocal storm of disapproval was followed by boisterous developments as mobs swarmed down to the ring. Fortunately, the incipient riot was curbed quickly by police, but not until after a few bottles and chairs had been tossed around and some minor casualties reported in the ringside pews.

SUCH disgraceful scenes are not exclusive productions of the Irish. In fact, where riotous outbursts by irate fans are concerned, they seem to be as international as the very sport of boxing.

And not always are they inspired by hometown loyalty to a local favorite. Occasionally, a spirit of fair play to a visiting ringman may be responsible.

Twice recently, within a brief period of six weeks, deci-

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Manager Yamil Chade becomes hysterical after unpopular decision against Kid Gavilan in London, and is forcibly restrained when, in a furious rage, he begins to tear out his hair.

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 19TH

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
ROCKY MARCIANO, Brockton, Mass.

1—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
2—**TOMMY JACKSON,** Far Rockaway, N. Y.
3—**BOB BAKER,** Pittsburgh, Pa.
4—**JOHN HOLMAN,** Chicago, Ill.
5—**JOHNNY SUMMERLIN,** Detroit, Mich.
6—**NINO VALDES,** Cuba
7—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
8—**HAROLD CARTER,** Linden, N. J.
9—**BOB SATTERFIELD,** Chicago, Ill.
10—**HEINZ NEUHAUS,** Germany

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
2—**GERHARD HECHT,** Germany
3—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI.
4—**CHUCK SPEISER,** Lansing, Mich.
5—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany
6—**JOEY MAXIM,** Cleveland, O.
7—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
8—**RON BARTON,** England
9—**CHARLES COLIN,** France
10—**MARTY MARSHALL,** Detroit, Michigan

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

1—**CARL (BOBO) OLSON,** Honolulu, T. H.
2—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
3—**MILO SAVAGE,** Salt Lake City, Utah
4—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
5—**EDUARDO LAUSSE,** Argentina
6—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
7—**ROCKY CASTELLANI,** Cleveland, O.
8—**RALPH JONES,** Yonkers, N. Y.
9—**ARTIE TOWNE,** New York, N. Y.
10—**CHARLEY JOSEPH,** New Orleans, La.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
JOHNNY SAXTON, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1—**CARMEN BASILIO,** Syracuse, N. Y.
2—**TONY DeMARCO,** Boston, Mass.
3—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
4—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
5—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
6—**RAMON FUENTES,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7—**ART ARAGON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8—**GEORGE BARNES,** Australia
9—**JOE MICELI,** New York, N. Y.
10—**EMILIO MARCONI,** Italy

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
WALLACE (BUD) SMITH, Cincinnati, O.

1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
3—**JIMMY CARTER,** New York, N. Y.
4—**LUDWIG LIGHTBURN,** British Honduras
5—**FRANKIE RYFF,** New York, N. Y.
6—**CISCO ANDRADE,** Compton, Calif.
7—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
8—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
9—**DON JORDAN,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10—**LARRY BOARDMAN,** Marlboro, Conn.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion
SANDY SADDLER, New York, N. Y.

1—**FRED GALIANA,** Spain
2—**HOGAN (KID) BASSEY,** Nigeria
3—**CARMELO COSTA,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
4—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
5—**MARTIN RODRIGUEZ,** Cuba
6—**CIRO MORASEN,** Cuba
7—**RAY FAMECHON,** France
8—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
9—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Texas
10—**WILLIE PEP,** Hartford, Conn.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

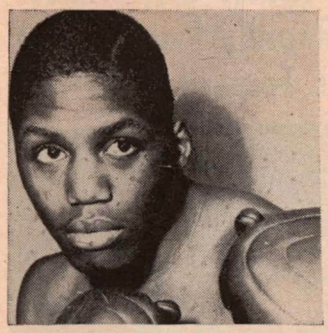
World Champion
ROBERT COHEN, France

1—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
2—**RATON MACIAS,** Mexico
3—**EMILE CHEMAMA,** France
4—**BILLY PEACOCK,** Los Angeles, Calif.
5—**LITTLE CEZAR,** Philippines
6—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
7—**ALPHONSE HAMILI,** France
8—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
9—**PETER KEENAN,** Scotland
10—**JEAN RENARD,** Belgium

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**MEMO DIEZ,** Mexico
2—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
3—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
4—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
5—**DAI DOWER,** Wales
6—**TANNY CAMPO,** Philippines
7—**JAKE TULI,** South Africa
8—**OSCAR SUAREZ,** Cuba
9—**GUY SCHATT,** France
10—**HITOSHI MISAKO,** Japan



JOHNNY SAXTON
Fighter of the Month

DESPITE the unpopular decision that enabled Johnny Saxton of Brooklyn to dethrone Carmen Basilio in their world welterweight title bout, the Brooklynite is named "The Fighter of the Month." His triumph brought about three changes in the upper bracket of the division, Saxton advancing to the head of the class, with Basilio dropping to Number One challenger and Tony De Marco, second choice.

Most of the leading men in all divisions saw action during the past month, with the kayo of lightweight king Wallace (Bud) Smith by exwelterweight boss Tony DeMarco in a non-title bout, the second straight loss in over-the-weight fights for Smith, and the return to action of light heavyweight king Archie Moore, who posted three wins during the month, highlighting the action.

Archie continues to rank on top in the light heavyweight class, though he is boxing in the heavyweight division. Until such time as he gives up his light heavyweight crown or loses it, he will remain in both divisions.

Several important changes took place since our last issue, the most important being the elimination of Ezzard Charles from the ranking ten heavyweights for the first time in more than a decade. Harold Carter who drew and then beat Bob Satterfield has replaced Charles and is listed eighth. Johnny Summerlin by his repeat victory over Young Jack Johnson has advanced to fifth place from seventh, while Johnson is dropped and Heinz Neuhaus takes his place.

The three leading challengers for Moore's title all scored knockout wins this past month. Gerhard Hecht, of Germany and the European titleholder, by his fine triumph over French champion Charles Colin, has moved up on Patterson's heels and is now ranked second with Yolande Pompey, who is slated to face Moore in a title fight this summer, dropping down to third. Colin has been dropped down to tenth from eighth.

The middleweight sector, the most active division of all, a class which boasts the best men now in action, finds promising young Charley Joseph of New Orleans who in kayoing Jimmy Beecham moved into tenth position,

In the welter class, in again out again Joe Miceli, by his victory over previously undefeated Stan Harrington in Hawaii has regained ninth spot, replacing South American champion Oscar Pita.

Among the lightweights, inactivity has cost Frankie Ryff his high post and he has been dropped from second to fifth, with Ralph Dupas, Jimmy Carter, and Ludwig Lightburn each advancing a notch.

The featherweights class has the largest number of changes with two names eliminated, those of Victor Sonny Leon of Venezuela and Teddy Davis of Hartford. They have been replaced by Cherif Hamia of France and the veteran Willie Pep of Hartford, in eighth and tenth posts, respectively.

British Empire champion Hogan Kid Bassey has moved into second place and Carmelo Costa has dropped one notch to third.

Andre Valignat of France, who is no longer able to make the weight has been removed from the bantamweight rankings along with Pierre Cossemyns of Belgium. They are replaced by newcomers—Gene Renard, Belgium title holder who is listed tenth and Alphonse Hamili of France who defeated Billy Peacock, and is now rated seventh. Peacock who was second, dropped to fourth with Raton Macias of Mexico and Emile Chemama of France, advanced to second and third respectively.

In the flyweight division, Memo Diez, Mexican title holder, scored a stunning one round upset knockout over European champion, Young Martin of Spain and Diez has now replaced Martin as Number One contender for the title with Martin dropping to third.

Here are the leading results.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Garvin Sawyer, Cincinnati, O.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Sammy Langford, Nigeria
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Guido Mazzinghi, Italy
WELTERWEIGHT—Joe Davis, New York, N. Y.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Ray Lancaster, Spartanburg, S. C.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Tom Turner, Los Angeles, Calif.
BANTAMWEIGHT—Frankie Jones, Scotland
FLYWEIGHT—Ray Valdez, Yucatan, Mexico

RESULTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS

John Holman outpunched Joey Rowan, 10.
Johnny Summerlin outscored Yg. Jack Johnson, 10.
Bob Satterfield and Harold Carter slugged to a draw, 10.
After six-months' absence, Scandinavian Champion Ingemar Johansson returned to action with victory over Joe Bygraves, 10.
Charles (Sonny) Liston whipped Marty Marshall, 10. Wayne Bethea kayoed Erie Cab, 6; Cab stopped Sid Peaks, 8.
Floyd Patterson stopped Jimmy Walls, 2. Bobby Spaeth bested Tommy Thompson, 10.
Eddie Machen outscored Julio Mederos, 10. Antonio Crosia won the Italian title by outpointing Aldo Pellegrini, 12. Croscia previously stopped Giorgio Marchinetti, 5.
Henry Cooper demolished French Champion Maurice Mols, 4. Peter Bates stopped Jim Cooper, 2. Baby DeVoogd stopped Peter Shetzoff, 3.
Zora Folley kayoed Watson Jones, 3. Dick Richardson stopped Marcel Limage, 5.
Amos Lincoln drew with Roger Rischer, 8; and kayoed George Travars, 1. Robert Eugene retained Belgian title by outpointing Al Bernard, 12. Felix Antonio defeated Bob Amos, 10.
Roy Harris kayoed Don Tucker, 3. Charlie Powell and Charley Que drew, 10; Que then drew with Ben Wise, 10. Howard King stopped Jake Williams, 5.
Crowe Peele kayoed Felix Antonio, 3. Jack Wagner and Jimmy Saunders drew, 8.
Michael Maye whipped Bob Biehler, 6. Bob Woodall outscored Roy Bullock, 8; and stopped Joe Woods, 4. Duke Sabedong kayoed John Contrades, 1.
Augie Turano kayoed Jimmy Lopes, 1; and Dennis McMann, 2. Joe Louis III kayoed Bob Scrivens, 5. Howie Turner drew with Ike Thomas, 6. Ralph Ruffin stopped Obie Rhodes, 4.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champion Archie Moore outpointed Howard King, 10 (Non-title), kayoed Bob Dunlap, 1 (non-title), and outpointed Frankie Daniels, 10.
European title holder Gerhard Hecht retained his title by stopping Charles Colin of France in 13.
Marty Marshall outpointed John Riggins, 10. John bested Al Lane, 6, and Marty lost to heavyweight Sonny Liston, 10.
Yolande Pompey stopped Moses Ward, 7. Ron Barton kayoed Albert Finch, 8, to win the British title.
Matt Jackson stopped Tommy Harrison, 4. André Tessier whipped Sammy Walker, 10; and stopped Irvin Steen, 2; but was stopped in 5 by Rory Calhoun.
Billy Kilgore lost to middleweight Al Andrews, 10. Sam Langford outpointed Brian Anders, 8.
Tony Anthony kayoed Clarence Floyd, 4. Lo Perry defeated Irwin Schultz, 8, and Andre Tessier, 8. Jim Persey kayoed Battling Jones, 7.
Hardy Smallwood outscored Ray Drake, 10.
Phil Saxton kayoed Jimmy Washington, 1. Johnny Hayden kayoed Tiger McHenry, 4. Bobby Lane bested Jimmy O'Brien, 10.
Tom Tatum kayoed Leon McCray, 3. Sonny Hett kayoed Verne Jenkins, 1; Al Norigea, 1. Bob Drummond beat Kid Crockett, 6. Bobby King defeated Stan Micheaux, 6. Joe Thomas flattened John Greenhill, 3. Gerry Tessier defeated Joe Woods, 6. Charlie Black won over Joey Mack, 6. Chuck Bradley kayoed Willie Jones, 1.
Terry Rindal bested Norman Lee, 6. Ted Doncaster kayoed Eddie DeMars, 4; Hank Folsem, 2; and Willie Wright, 2. Bull Halsey defeated Walter Robinson, 6. Tom Simms kayoed Eddie Brooks, 2. Lenny Stevens kayoed Young Carlos, 2.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Holly Mims stopped Jimmy Morris, 9.
Joey Giardello whipped Hurley Sanders, 10.
Bobby Boyd snapped Eduardo Lausse win streak by outpointing him in 10. Hardy Smallwood outscored Ray Drake, 10.
Rocky Castellani outpointed Johnny Sullivan, 10, Johnny came back to beat Jackie LaBua, 10.
Milo Savage defeated Esau Ferdinand, 10.
Gene Fullmer outslugged Gil Turner, 10.
Charley Joseph halted Jimmy Beecham, 6.
Alex Buxton scored sensational upset by knocking out previously unbeaten Max Resch, 10. Neal Rivers outpointed Charley Green, 12.
Al Andrews outpunched Billy Kilgore, 10. Sammy Walker lost

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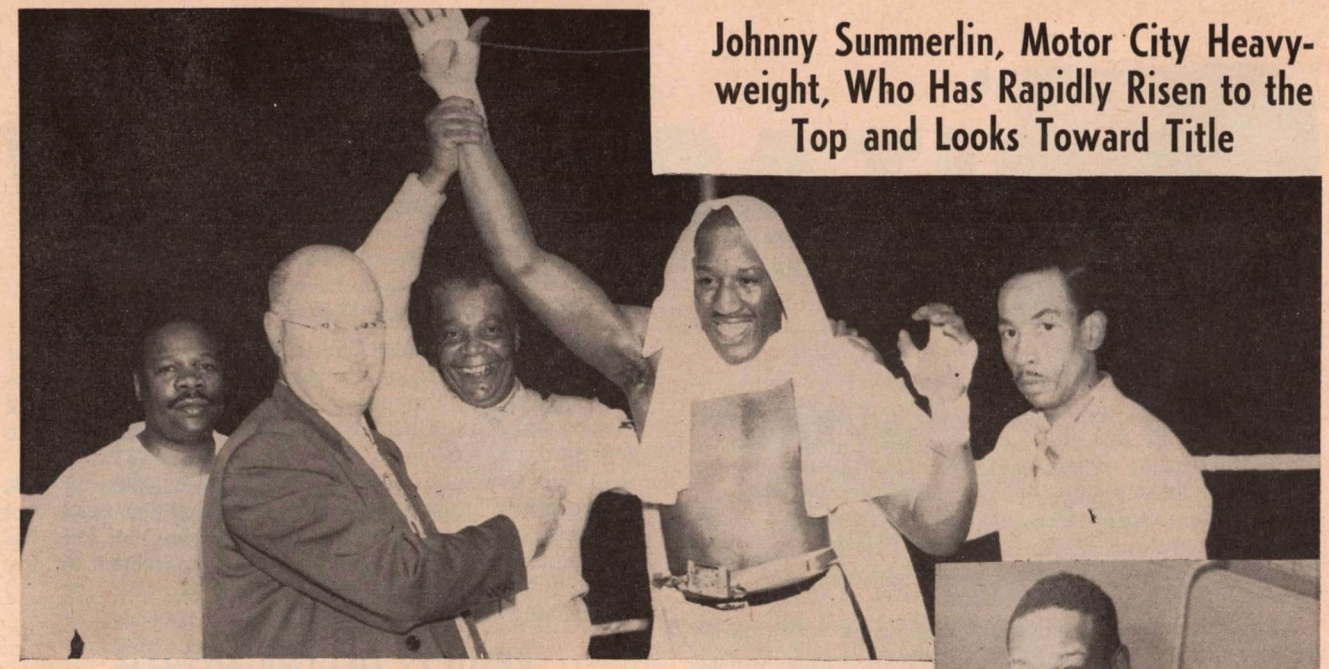
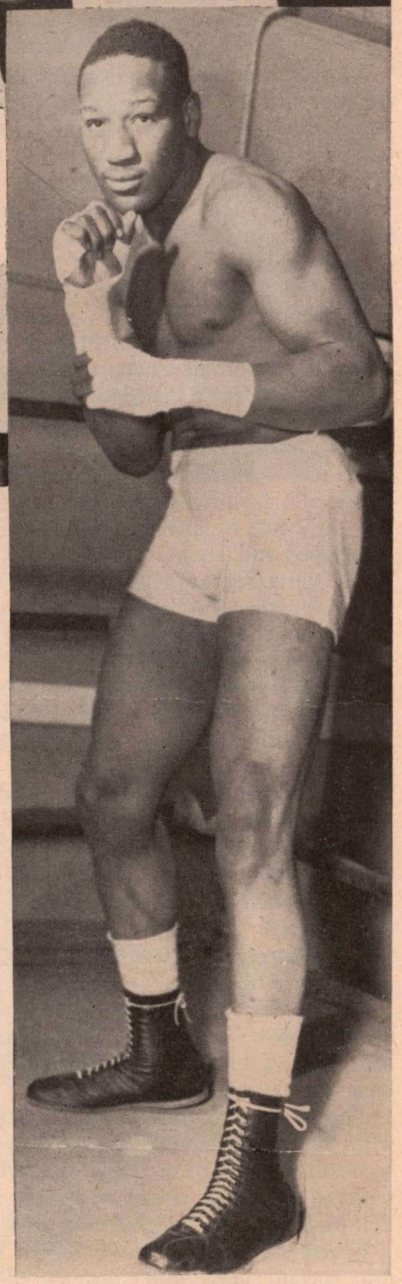
Johnny Summerlin, Motor City Heavyweight, Who Has Rapidly Risen to the Top and Looks Toward Title



BIG WHEEL from DETROIT



By JOHNNY SALAK

PRACTICALLY unknown, without any fanfare or fuss, a "fresh-face" heavyweight has quickly and obtrusively moved, sure-footed and strong-fisted, into a place among the leading heavyweight challengers.

Unless you live in Detroit or Los Angeles and follow the fight game closely you probably don't know the guy. His name may even sound strange and unfamiliar. It is Johnny Summerlin. Right now he is listed as the fifth leading contender. Only Archie Moore, Tommy Jackson, Bob Baker and Johnny Holman are ranked above him. He isn't hesitant about meeting any of the Big Four.

No doubt he would be rated an underdog against any of them. It wouldn't faze him a bit. He's made a habit of being the short-ender. And he's made a habit of winning.

The fight that shot him up into the ratings was a win over Young Jack Johnson, California State heavyweight champion and recent conqueror of Ezzard Charles. Though he held a split decision over Johnson, a week before the bout he was an underdog. Then an unknown sparring partner dropped him in a work out. The odds shot up. Summerlin, unperturbed, proceeded to give Johnson a lambasting, hitting with authority and confidence and walking away with the decision. The California writers raved about him, in tones that suggested Rocky Maricano retire while he still has a chance.

But this rapidly spreading theory is not alone confined to the West Coast. In Detroit, where Summerlin makes his home, the astute Tommy Devine of the Detroit Free Press said that the 24-year-old fighter is "the best heavyweight developed in Detroit since Joe Louis left the amateur ranks in 1934."

BUILT along the same lines as Louis—Summerlin weighs in around 194 and stands about six feet one inch—the new heavyweight threat draws a further parallel to the Brown Bomber. Both were born in the cotton country of Alabama, Louis in Lexington, Summerlin in Luverne. Both drifted to Detroit early in their youth.

Johnny Summerlin (at top) winning Michigan State title and belt. L. to R. are Ken Ofett, second; Abe Kotzen, of commission; manager Frank Loftis; Summerlin and trainer Theo McWhorter.

Summerlin arrived there in 1946 with his dad. He attended Northeastern High School, making the varsity basketball team as center.

Johnny decided to leave school and join the army but his dad and Frank Loftis, a close friend of the family, talked him out of it and into a boxing career instead. Down to the Sproat A. C. they took him and placed Johnny in the care of veteran trainer Theo McWhorter.

McWhorter worked long and hard with him and, in turn, Summerlin listened and learned, and did things right. He was a natural. After six months in the gym they decided he was ready for some amateur bouts.

He won his first with comparative ease. In his next he lost a decision to James Hale, 1948 Detroit Golden Gloves champion. His next two were against Harvey Mack, 1949 and 1950 Gloves champion. Summerlin dropped them by the closest of margins.

With his brain trust, it was decided that Johnny needed more sharpening up. Back to the gym he went and stayed there for the better part of a year under the watchful eyes of McWhorter and Loftis.

This time he was ready—and this time he turned pro. He wanted Harvey Mack as his first opponent, and got him. Summerlin gave him such a horrible beating in taking the four round decision that Mack called it a career then and there.

He went on to win his first thirteen starts, eight by kayo, before fighting a disputed draw with Charley Lester at the Detroit Olympia.

His next start was in Chicago, against Wes Bascom, who had gained the ratings with a knockout over Nick Barone. A cut eye that required fourteen stitches resulted in Summerlin's first loss. Johnny tried to get Bascom back, but the rematch never came about.

After that, Summerlin continued his winning ways against Ponce de Leon, Ralph Schneider and Vern Escoe, Escoe at the time being the Canadian heavyweight champion.

His last fight, before leaving for service was with Bob Johnson in Detroit, a bout that was called a draw though Summerlin seemed to have won from here to there. A round had been taken away from him for a low blow by Referee Lou Jallos, which seemed in the official's judgment to even up matters.

SUMMERLIN upon his induction went to Fort Eustis, Va., where he took his basic training. Sandy Saddler, world featherweight champion, was there at the same time and they became close buddies. Summerlin attributes a fine left jab he has developed a great deal to pointers given by Saddler.

While at Eustis he engaged Nino Valdes in an exhibition, the show being put on by Charley Johnston, Saddler's manager, with the bout having Johnny Saxton, world welterweight champion acting the part of the referee.

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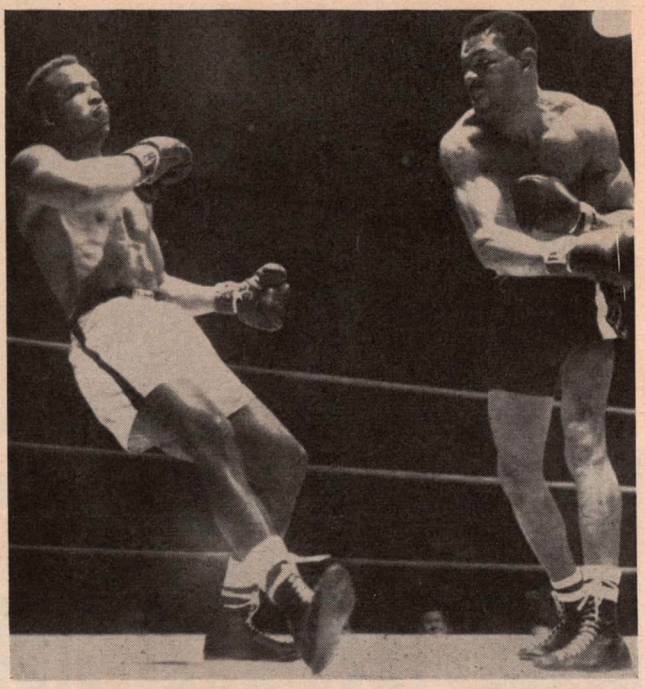
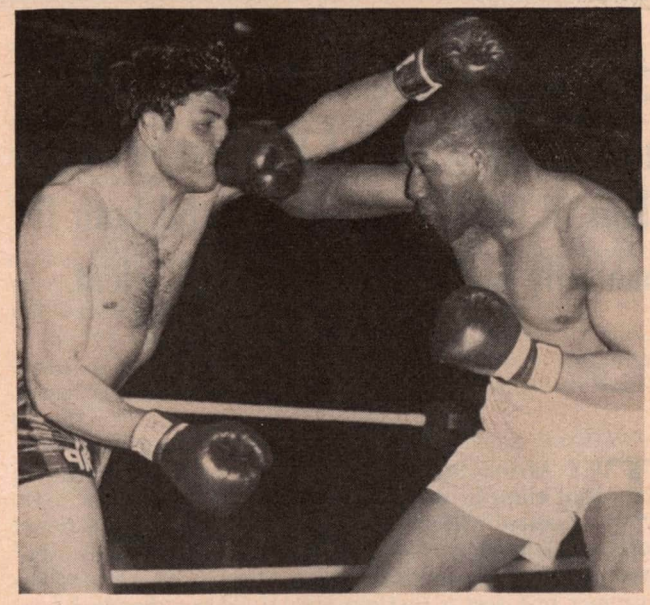


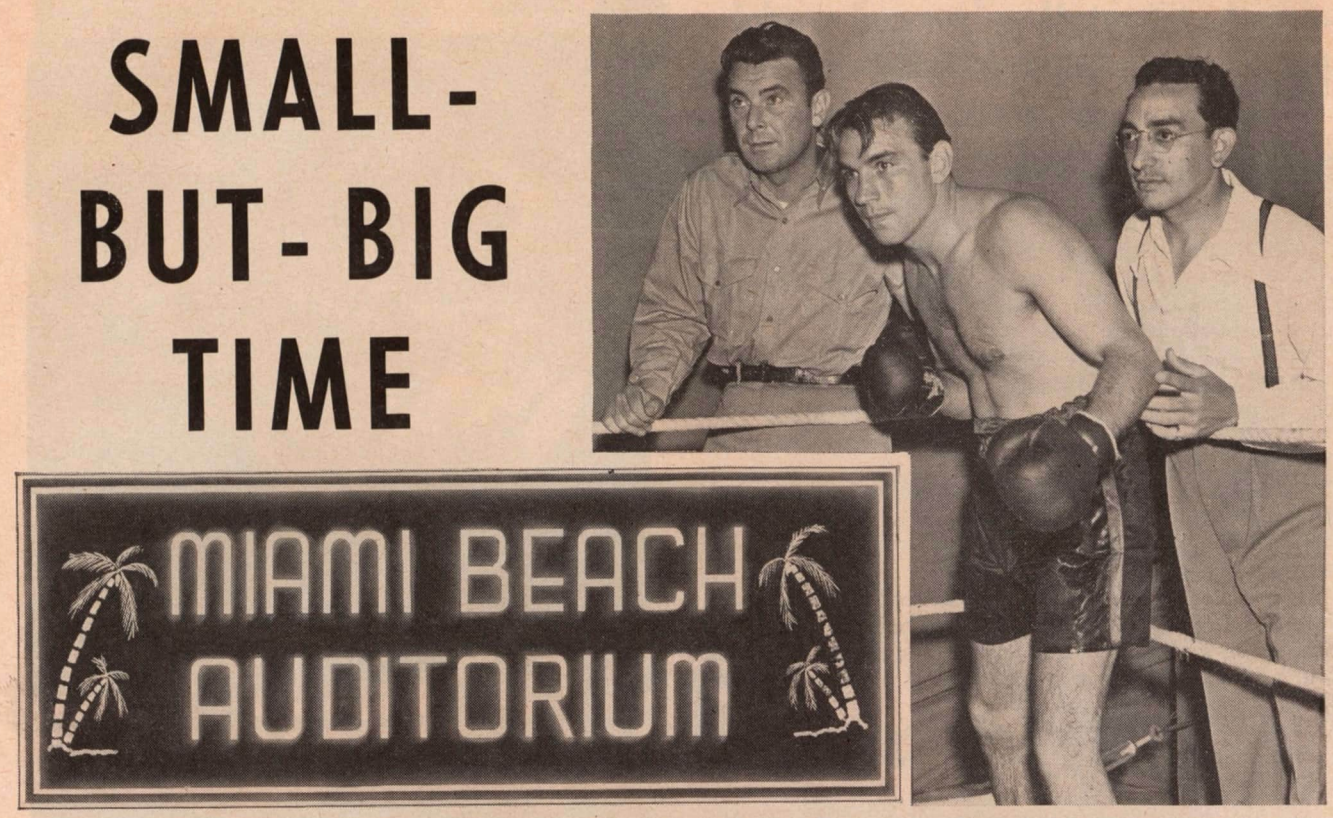
Johnny Holman (right) knocking out Bob Satterfield to place himself among leading contenders. A Holman-Summerlin bout could decide Rocky Marciano's opponent.



Johnny Summerlin (right) pounds a right to face of Oscar Pharo in Detroit. He stopped him in two to win Michigan State heavyweight title.

His Two Top Rooters. Johnny Summerlin relaxes at home with enthusiastic admirers, his mother, Mrs. Bessie Summerlin, and manager Frank Loftis' wife, Mrs. Elnora Loftis.

SMALL-BUT-BIG TIME



Left to right: George Brent, star of the movies; Ken Overlin, who won the middleweight championship of the world from Ceferino Garcia in 1940, was managed by Chris Dundee standing at his right. Dundee has been a manager, second, publicist and promoter.

Chris Dundee's arena at the tourist playground city is one of the best run fight clubs in the U.S. It is successful both financially and as a producer of talent.

By **AL BUCK**

THE Miami Beach Auditorium is one of the better fight clubs in the country.

Located within walking distance of the beach front hotels, the building sits in a public park surrounded by spacious grounds. In the rear is a large parking lot. The customer first sees a vast expanse of lobby. Inside he is sure of getting the seat his ticket calls for. The arena is well policed, but nobody gets pushed around.

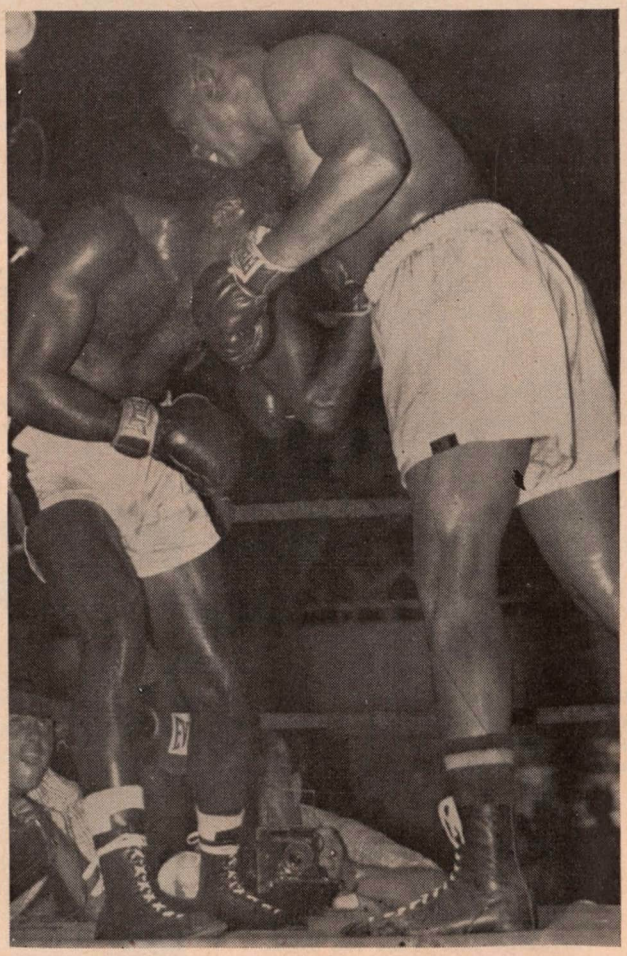
This is no smoke-filled hall. Clean and well kept, the Auditorium, owned by the City of Miami Beach, is used for lectures, concerts, plays, basketball games and wrestling matches, as well as fights.

It is one of the most successful small fight clubs. Last year it grossed $251,504.

In any age, and under any conditions, smart promotion is needed to make boxing interesting and profitable. The man who has done this at Miami Beach is Chris Dundee, a veteran of the fistic wars, both as a manager and a promoter.

Of course Miami Beach is one of the nation's playgrounds. It is crowded, winter and summer with vacationists. In the winter the hotels are packed with sports lovers, lured from the frozen north by the sunshine, swimming, fishing, sailing, racing, both horses and dogs, and other outdoor sports.

The big upset! The defeat of Ezzard Charles by underdog Nino Valdes at The Miami Beach Auditorium in 1953 made the Cuban.



In the evening there are the dogs and a Spanish game called Jai-Alai. And once a week there are fights. That is where Dundee comes in. At a time when the small club promoter is almost extinct, Chris is operating successfully.

One hesitates to call the Auditorium a small club. It holds upwards to 5,000 fans, and has drawn as much as $10,000 a show—$10,813.75 to be exact, on the night Hector Constance upset Kid Gavilan, ex-welterweight champion. Gavilan protested violently, but the decision, seen on a Coast-to-Coast TV hookup was entirely justified.

Last year 45 shows in all were held at the Miami Beach Auditorium. Closing out 1955, Willie Pep, ex-featherweight champion, and Andy Arel, an awkward southpaw, attracted 2,933 spectators. They paid $7,134 to see Willie win in a walk. Millions more saw on television what was really a one-sided contest, made interesting only by Pep's amazing skill.

Willie Pep (Left) lands a stiff left jab to the jaw of Andy Arel. Although badly cut about the face Willie the Wisp won the ten round decision in the last bout held in Miami Beach Auditorium for 1955. This was one of five fights nationally televised by promoter Dundee.

The Pep-Arel gate is in contrast to the Frankie Ryff-Baby Vasquez bout at Madison Square Garden the week previous. The gross for this pre-Christmas show was so small, International Boxing Club officials did not announce the receipts.

Of course all Garden shows are telecast, but Dundee would like more, rather than less television. During the past year, the I.B.C. gave him five video shows. Duilio Loi and Glen Flanagan, also on television, drew $8,287. Johnny Holman, Chicago heavyweight, and Boardwalk Billy Smith grossed $5,435, although they too, were on a network. The other bout telecast was that between Bobby Dykes and George Johnson. That one did $3,254 at the box office.

Loi, the Italian lightweight, ranked first in the Ring's world ratings, made his only American start at Miami Beach.

Chuck Speiser, the Michigan State alumnus, recently awarded The Ring medal for having made the most progress in 1955, also boxed for Dundee.

Others to perform at the Auditorium were Ezzard Charles, ex-heavyweight champion, and two leading contenders for the title, Holman and the hard-hitting Bob Satterfield. Perhaps Willie Pastrano should be included among the heavyweight contenders. He, in particular, started his climb up the fistic ladder by defeating Tony Johnson at the Beach club.

Pastrano, born in New Orleans, now makes his home at Miami Beach. He is trained by Chris' brother Angelo, who had a busy year working with Ralph Dupas, the New Orleans lightweight, and seconding Carmen Basilio, world welterweight champion.

We sat with Chris Dundee in a Chicago restaurant the night before the Sugar Ray-Bobo Olson upset. At the table were Truman Gibson, I.B.C. secretary; Billy Brown, I.B.C. matchmaker; Larry Atkins, Cleveland promoter and Irving Schoenwald, another mid-western promoter. All had their problems. Chris talked about his.

"The big item with me is the cost of transportation," said Dundee. "There are few fighters living in and around Miami and Miami Beach. When you have to pay two, three and perhaps four round trip fares from Chicago or New York it runs into money.

"Then there are certain fixed charges, such as rent, ticket takers, ushers and box office. Advertising is another item, but with me, transportation can be the difference between profit and loss.

"The margin of profit isn't large at best. I have to watch and count the pennies. That is what makes TV such a help, at least in my operation. The club makes money because I hustle and Jim Norris gives me a television show now and then."

Dundee enjoys good public relations. He is on friendly terms with the Miami newspaper men and managers. One of brother Angelo's tasks is to dig up and school preliminary boys. Chris does the promoting and tries to make the best matches possible. So far, he seems to have done all right.

"We have a subscription list. The natives are the solid core of our business," Dundee explained. "The winter visitor is the frosting on the cake. To a lesser degree, so is the summer vacationist."

Dundee has operated on a policy of giving his fans the best available talent. In addition to fighters mentioned a list of those who boxed in the Miami Beach Auditorium during the past year includes Joey Giardello, when he was up there; Kenny Lane, southpaw lightweight, Rex Layne, the heavyweight, and Chico Vejar, the collegian.

The 45 shows averaged better than $5,300 at the gate, which is good business for a small club, even one that operates on a big time scale, as does the Miami Beach Auditorium.

While Dundee is most outstanding among small club promoters, there are others active and successful. On the other Coast of Florida—at Tampa—Lou Viscusi operates twice a week. During the season he plans to run weekly. Viscusi is better known as the manager of Willie Pep, the ex-featherweight champion and before moving to Tampa used to promote at Hartford, Conn.

In New England, Sam Silverman is the top promoter. Operating in Boston he knows how to build a youngster into an attraction. But he also knows he must have something to work with. Silverman has added a club at Holyoke, Mass., to his activities. Holyoke functions as a "farm" for his Boston outfit.

Silverman does not neglect the Holyoke promotion. On the night before he had Carmen Basilio defending the welterweight title against Tony DeMarco, Silverman was in Holyoke promoting a 10-rounder between Sammy Walker and Pete Adams.

Another small club promoter who is doing well is Manny Almeida. He functions at Providence, R. I., running once or twice a month. Rocky Marciano got his start in Almeida's club. Most of the headliners have appeared there at one time or another.

Going out to the West Coast there is the Hollywood Legion Stadium. The club isn't what it was in the years prior to World War II when the movie stars at the ringside were

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Meet The Ladies

Feminine Influence At Times Strongly Felt By Fistic Stars

By TED CARROLL

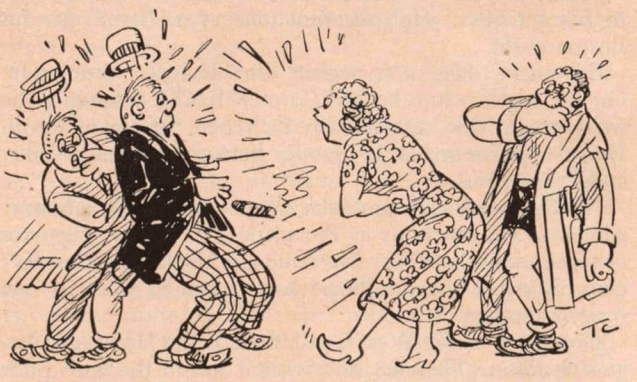
PUGILISM is by and large a man's world with feminine influence at a minimum but every now and then, an invading lady enlivens the boxing game.

Fight people will never forget the stir kicked up around New York when Katie Jenkins, accompanied by Lew, showed up in the big city. Katie, a Texas Rose in appearance, when aroused, could take on the characteristics common to the cacti of her native state. A good looker by any standards, Katie Jenkins still rates as the No. 1 Glamor Girl of the Glove Game.

When the couple first hit town back in 1939, they were fortune's step-children looking for a break, and it took the captivating Katie a little while to get over her big-city shyness and learn her way around.

Once, hubby Lew, a hungry fighter in those days as well as a good one, started landing that right hand and belting his opponents out, Katie gained as much confidence with each successive knockout, as though she were scoring them herself.

She had gained some measure of fame on her own, driving in midget auto races back home in Texas so she celebrated Lew's winning the lightweight championship back in 1940 by getting herself an airplane. Now flying high in more ways than one, Mrs. Jenkins stubbornly resisted all the efforts of Hymie Caplan, who had succeeded Frank Bachman as manager of Jenkins, to relegate her to the background.



"LEAPING LENA" LEVY WAS VERY COLORFUL.!

Bachman, apparently wiser to the ways of women than Hymie, had cleverly catered to Katie's whims by keeping her in camera focus and building her up as co-manager of her husband.

No spotlight dodger, this suited Katie, and when Caplan tried to change things about, the rose petals turned to cactus thorns, and from then on dissension took over in the Jenkins entourage. Jenkins, himself, after becoming champion, took off on a mad merry-go-round, and in the confusion the pair came to the parting of the ways.

Still, the boxing business hadn't seen the end of its Prairie Rose. Katie popped up with a rooting interest in Harold Valan, a fair prospect, but one who never crashed the contending circle. Carmine Fatta, a club-fighting welter, then bobbed up as a Katie Jenkins protege, but when he also was found wanting, Katie turned her shapely back to the big town and headed back west. Reports have drifted east from time to time that she is now part of the Las Vegas picture, but this has not been confirmed.

Wherever she is, the boxing crowd around New York, may well chorus in the words of the old Irish ditty, "there's a spot in our hearts that no colleen may own" with special reference to Katie Jenkins.

"LEAPING LENA" LEVY A COLORFUL FIGURE

Katie Jenkins had an immediate predecessor who has become legendary in boxing lore, "Leaping Lena" Levy, sister of one-time heavyweight contender "Kingfish" Levinsky. Chicago was Leaping Lena's stamping grounds.

The mature type in her heyday, but also not bad looking, Lena was more than a match for the more boisterous and unrefined elements of the fight business. Selecting mouthy Max Baer as a particular target, a cross-fire of cutting comment was always on tap whenever they came in contact. It was the habit of Baer to query Lena crudely about when she was going back into burlesque. Lena, you can bet, always had a ready answer for this one.

Lena Levy terrorized her brother, the hapless King, who would become tongue-tied when brought to task by his outspoken sister. She was equally tough with managers and promoters, driving hard bargains and refusing to budge an inch. As the unquestioned queen of the mid-west boxing scene for several years, she was an exciting and colorful figure during the King's career.

At protesting a decision she combined feminine emotionalism with the hard bitten verbiage of a musculine business and the result was something to see—and hear. She hit a

peak here when Max Baer was called the winner over the Kingfish in a close Madison Square Garden bout back in 1932. She accused Garden and New York officials, gamblers, press men, and everyone in sight of having conspired against her, while tossing a dressing room tantrum which left onlookers awe-stricken.

But for all of that, she was respected and liked by fight people, who felt sincere pangs of grief when she passed on a year or so.

"MA" STRIBLING PROMINENT IN SON'S FIGHTING CAREER

More reserved than the others, but still very much in the picture during her son's fighting career, "Ma" Stribling, a one-time circus performer, attracted quite a bit of attention back in the Torrid Twenties, when W. L. "Young" Stribling was a ranking title contender.

Ma is said to have been responsible for the rule barring relatives from working in the corners of boxers in New York, when she made application to second her son in one of his fights to the dismay of the New York Boxing Commission then presided over by James A. Farley. After thumbing through the rules and regulations and finding there was no statute prohibiting such a happening, the fistic fathers hurriedly rushed through an edict banning blood relations from the corners. This is still in effect in the state and looks good for all time.

For many years some critics have insinuated that "W. L." as Ma fondly called him, was handcuffed by her apron strings in many of his fights, particularly the ones that mattered, which explains why the gifted Georgian never won a title. To hear them tell it, the maternal refrain of "Don't get hurt, W. L.!" was always ringing in Stribling's ears to his detriment, accounting for a lack of aggressiveness which kept him off a boxing throne.

KATE SANDWINA FEATS BROUGHT PROMINENCE TO SON

Katie Jenkins had a colorful namesake around and about the boxing game a generation ago, in Kate Sandwina, mother of a fair to middling heavyweight, Ted Sandwina. Mama Sandwina, unlike the others took little part in the pugilistic parade, but her background made her a source of copy and interest. Billed in circuses throughout the world as "The Strongest Woman in the World" pictures of the muscular matron cradling her 200 pound son in her arms caused many raised eyebrows.

Sandwina was a good puncher, but given to such lapses of timidity that one could not resist the thought that Mama Sandwina could have substituted for him at times with better results.

The wifely manager is generally frowned upon by most boxing commissions in this day and time, although Tommy Collins's spouse was widely publicized as such a couple of years ago. The vast majority of pugilistic wives prefer the background, losing themselves in the obscurity of household duties.

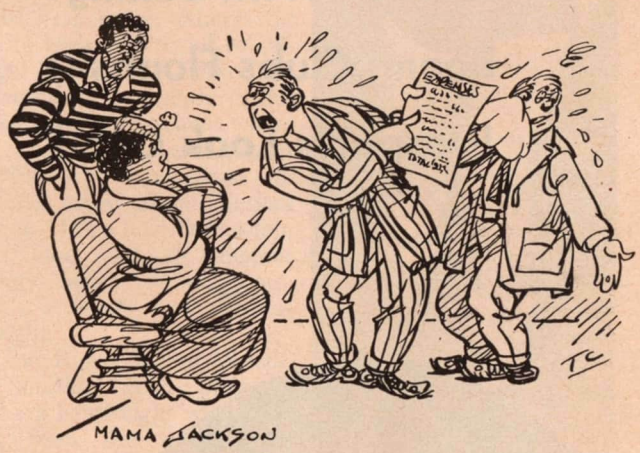
HURRICANE JACKSON'S MA HOLDS REINS OVER SON

Therefore it follows, that at the moment the most active lady in the pugilistic picture is a mama, a most doting one, who is never too far from sonny-boy when things are brewing, and is most adhesive when the time comes to split up the purse. This is Mrs. Georgia Jackson, mother of the tempestuous and temperamental Hurricane, who can best be described by a term borrowed from show business, as a "stage mother".

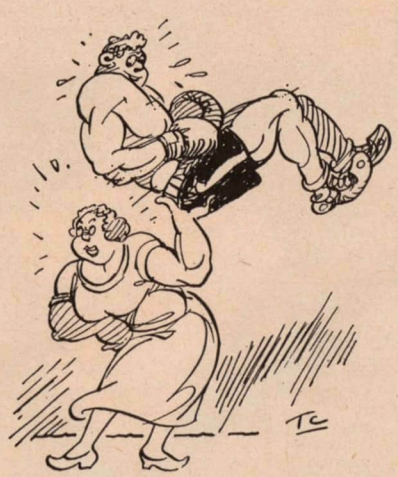
Mama Jackson's concern over her eccentric son is such that following his first loss to Jimmy Slade two years ago, the Hurricane poutingly pointed the finger of blame at Mama charging that too many maternal restrictions had hampered his attaining that happy frame of mind necessary for one of his bizarre talents.

This charge so disturbed then New York Boxing Commissioner Robert Christenberry that it appeared for a time that the Hurricane might have his license revoked forever. However, the outraged official simmered down to the point where a public apology to Mama by Hurricane was accepted as proper penitence.

Mama Jackson is a frequent training camp visitor, showing up as a rule burdened down with home cookery for the Hurricane. Since she never misses one of his fights, cynics have hinted that the purpose of such regular attendance is to make her own personal count of the customers present, in preparation for any hassle which may take place over proper division of the spoils the next day. On these occasions, Hurricane becomes just one of those present, with Mama Jackson taking over the center of the stage.



Mrs. Jackson, who has a large family and seems to have done a very good job of raising it, now that problem child Tommy Hurricane is in the spot to put them all on easy street, is going to make sure that whatever happens to Tommy inside the ring, the Jackson family isn't going to get a short count outside of it.



Old Bob Fitzsimmons had four flings at matrimony but of the quartet of spouses, Rose Julian Fitzsimmons, second in line, is the one most often recalled by boxing oldsters. A strikingly attractive woman, she toured the country as a member of the Julian troupe of acrobats. Incidentally Martin Julian, who acted as Fitz' manager, married Bob's divorced wife shortly before his sister Rose wed the old heavyweight champion.

Young Bob Fitzsimmons who tried his hand at fighting in later years, was the son of Rose and old Ruby Robert. Rose Julian married Fitzsimmons in 1894 and passed on ten years later, in 1904, during which time she reigned as the most publicized and best known woman with any pugilistic connection. She was an enthusiastic and conspicuous spectator at Carson City when her husband won the championship from Corbett in 1897.

Nat FLEISCHER *says:*

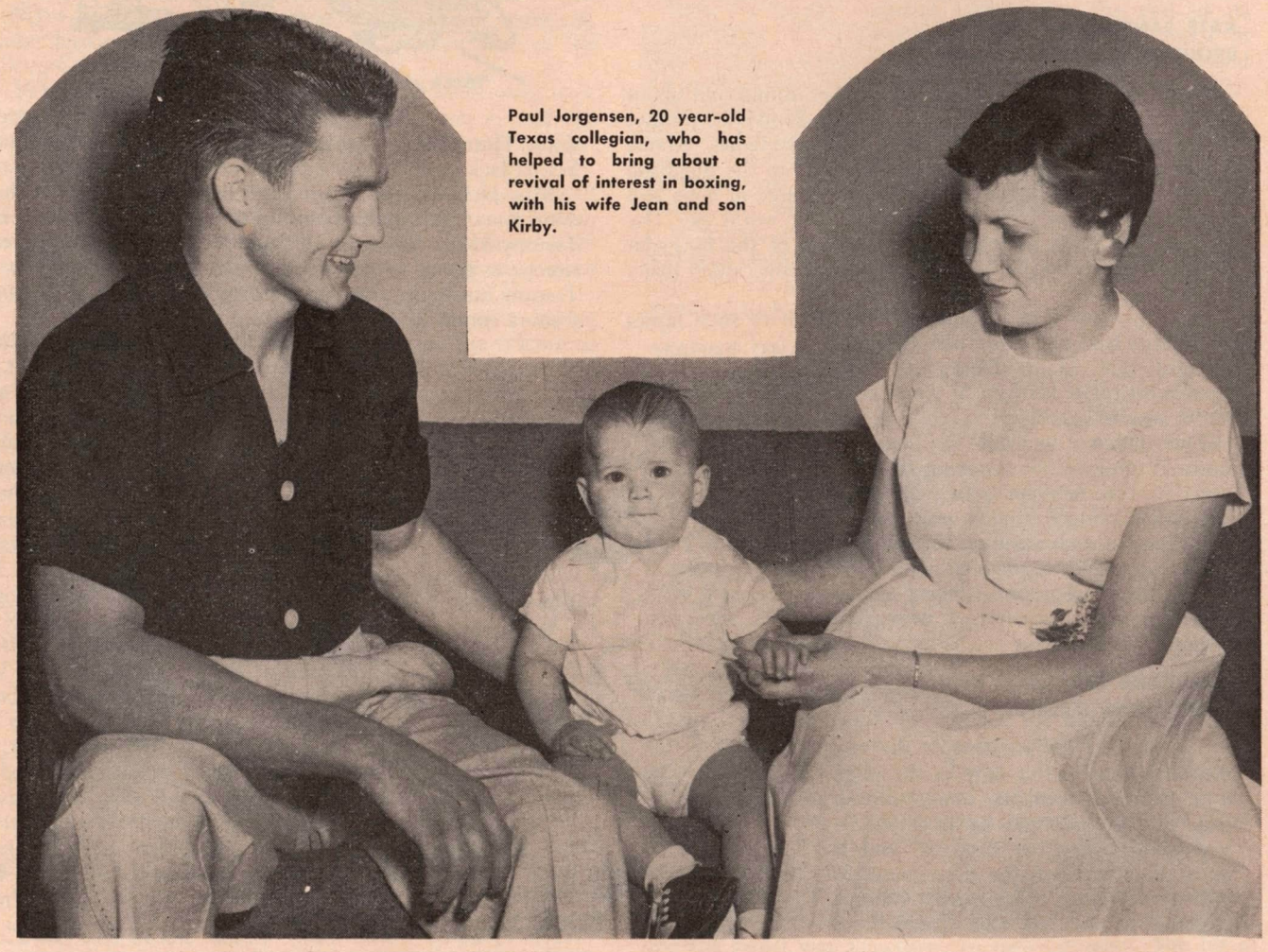
Texas Strikes It Rich With Boxing Boom; Clubs Flourish; Prospects Look Good

WHILE boxing is in more or less of a lethargic state in most parts of our country, the boom is on in full blast in Texas. What once was a fertile ground for the fistic trade had passed into a dormant state for many years.

With new fighters and less clubs operating, activity in pugilism was almost at a standstill until the sudden rise to popularity of Paul Jorgensen, a twenty year old lad. This handsome, photogenic collegian brought about a revival of interest in boxing in his State, an interest that has brought Texas back into the spotlight as a boxing center and has brought the Lone Star territory into a neck-and-neck race with California for top honors in the matter of ring activity. What Rocky Marciano is to the New England fans, Jorgensen is to the boxing clientele in the oil fields. He has made the people boxing conscious.

For many years promoters came and went in Texas. They couldn't make a go of it no matter what talent was brought into the picture.

No longer is that the case. With twenty fight clubs operating in Houston, Port Arthur, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Victoria, El Paso, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Tyler, Beaumont, Austin, Waco, Del Rio, Robstown, San Angelo, Kingsville, Galveston, Conroe, Waxahachie and Odessa, some regularly, others once a month, only California surpasses Texas in numbers. What Texas needed for the revival, a shot in the arms to instill new life into the game, was someone with



Paul Jorgensen, 20 year-old Texas collegian, who has helped to bring about a revival of interest in boxing, with his wife Jean and son Kirby.

(Left) Reagan (Buddy) Turman, a bright Texas star who recently lost the state heavyweight crown to Roy Harris.

(Right) Ray Riojas, Ft. Worth lightweight who is not too long out of the army, has a knock-out punch.

a colorful background, one who could make the folks talk boxing again. They found that person in young Jorgensen.

Some weeks ago, at the request of Ralph Smith, representing the Junior Chamber of Commerce, an active, wide-awake group of young businessmen eager to sell their fast-growing city to the public, invited 'The Ring' Editor to pay Houston a visit. I accepted the invitation to give a talk on amateur boxing, with particular stress on its value as a project to help combat juvenile delinquency and to discuss civic pride in the support of athletic projects, both amateur and professional. My visit coincided with the staging of the Red Top Davis-Paul Jorgensen return bout, a contest that had aroused state-wide interest.

What I saw was an eye-opener. Radio, television and the press went all out on the fight and my visit. Despite an unusual snappy cold spell, the beautiful Houston Coliseum held a gathering of more than 7,000 persons who paid $15,000 to see the contest, an attendance and gate that the world-famous Madison Square Garden of New York City hasn't been able to boast of except on rare occasions, since TV took over. Twice as many people and twice as big the usual Garden gate!

WHEN boxing became legal in California, the boys from Mexico and Southern Californians of Mexican parentage were the ones who put the sport over in short order. The same is taking place in Texas. Children of Mexican parents comprise the largest number of licensed boxers and they can invariably be counted on to give the public a good, lively scrap. Since the inter-racial ban on boxing has been lifted, mixed bouts are frequently staged.

New York, once the world center of pugilism, has lost its hold on the sport. The Empire State, with only three clubs staging shows, is far behind both California and Texas where new talent is given full opportunity to develop and where lads like young Jorgensen, Roy Harris, heavyweight champion, Johnny Hopkins, sparmate of Roy among many others, receive the whole hearted support of the community, both lusty-lunged and financial.

There's a lot of civic pride in the Texas cities that has helped to bring boxing back with a bang. More of the Texas spirit should be welcomed in other parts of the country.

The Texas oil fields and the enormous building program, have lured many young men to the Lone Star State and it is these fellows who have been instrumental in getting the folks sports-minded. Football, baseball, basketball and boxing are the major sports but it is the last named in which most of the activity is now being displayed. There are more amateur boxers in Texas than in any other state and it will not be a surprise to see at least one Texan selected as a member of the next Olympic team.

It is from the amateurs that most of the Lone Star State's pros have come. Many still go to high school and to college. There's Mel Barker, for example. He recently graduated from high school where he was an honor student, an athlete who was named all-district guard on the football team. He's a busy little scrapper who won 25 amateur bouts before turning pro. He's a pretty good welterweight.

Ray Riojas of Fort Worth, is another good prospect. He's a lightweight who came up from the simon pure ranks. Like Buddy Thurman who recently lost the Texas heavyweight title to Roy Harris, Riojas is a former serviceman. He served two years in the Army, fourteen months of which were in Japan.

Riojas, like many of the Texas pugilists, is of Spanish parentage. He won 61 out of 68 amateur bouts, with a record of 43 kayos to his credit. His knockout punch has gained for him a large following.

FEW of the Lone Star State's boxers didn't come up from the simon pure ranks or made their start in some branch of the armed forces. Many have continued their schooling despite taking part in professional boxing.

Such is the case with Jorgensen, the most popular of all boxers in Texas, the one lad who looms as world championship timber. Everywhere I went, I heard his name mentioned as a championship threat. Though he still has much to learn and requires more experience before he is tossed against a tough battler like Sandy Saddler, he is ready, if what I saw him do in his bout with Red Top Davis, an experienced featherweight, to tackle the best in the division.

This converted southpaw's fighting qualities are extolled wherever boxing fans congregate in Houston. The only fault I found with him, was that he is too eager to play the part of a counter fighter, though when pressed, he mixes it at the same time displaying sufficient cleverness to enable him to defend himself above the average.

When 1955 arrived, Paul was broke. "I didn't have enough to keep the wolf from the door," he told me in an interview. "I had a wife, and an infant son, a widowed

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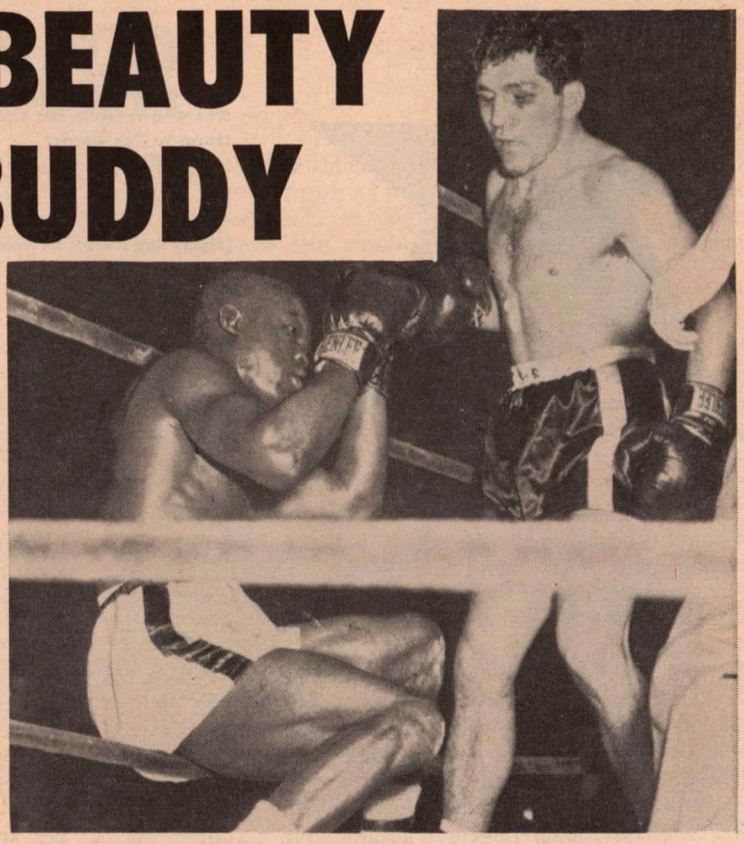
BOSTON BEAUTY BELTS BUDDY



By sensational 9th-round kayo of lightweight champion Bud Smith, ex-welterweight king Tony DeMarco earns chance to regain his lost laurels.

By **NAT LOUBET**

TONY DE MARCO, former world welterweight king, in his first contest since November 30th, when he sustained a twelve round knockout at the hands of Carmen Basilio, the man who had dethroned him approximately four and one half months previously, halted world lightweight champion Wallace Bud Smith in the ninth round of a non-title match.

7,851 fans at the Boston Garden paid $33,-262 to see their favorite hammered to the canvas with a left hook in the opening stanza only to fight his way back to overwhelm his opponent and punch him into a helpless state at the 45 second mark of the ninth round.

DeMarco needed only 45 seconds of the ninth round to finish Smith. He started with two vicious left hooks to jaw; then, as Bud reeled, a blasting two-handed volley to the head and body sent him sagging, helpless, against the ropes, at which point referee intervened.

Although it had no bearing on the referee's decision to halt the contest, Smith's seconds threw in a towel as a token of surrender seconds before the Ref took his action.

De Marco, weighing 145½ to Smith's 142, appeared ring rusty. He missed opportunities to finish his opponent on several occasions earlier in the fight.

The Bean City's twenty-four year old pocket version of Rocky Marciano had the fight won in the eighth round when he landed a powerful left hook to Smith's mid-section, doubling Smith up and stopping him in his tracks.

The twenty-six year old Cincinnatian attempted to fight his way out of trouble but DeMarco moved in and although he missed more than he landed, he did connect with a solid right to the head that staggered the champ.

Following up his advantage, DeMarco tossed combinations in a flurry that overpowered Smith and drove him through the ropes where he held on to the strands for support.

Struggling back, Smith stumbled to a neutral corner where he fell and was saved from a count by the bell.

The ninth round opened with Tony digging after Smith with savage abandon. A series of left hooks to the jaw, followed by a right to the head, two more left hooks to Smith's upper structure and then a bombardment of lefts and rights, literally bull-dozed Smith to the ropes. There he sagged to a sitting position on the lower strand like of bag of flour ripped in half. It was at this point that referee Jimmy McCarron stopped the bout, seconds after a towel had whisked into the ring from Smith's corner.

When the fight ended, Smith was bleeding from his left ear, an irritation being aggravated. It was this ailment that had caused the bout to be postponed from an earlier date. It did not appear to handicap Smith during the bout nor have any bearing on the outcome, but it did after the contest.

DeMarco, finished the fight with a cut over his left eye which he received in the fourth round. It caused him some trouble intermittently throughout the remainder of the contest.

DeMarco was in danger but once in the fight, in the first round when Smith, with a murderous left hook, connected midway through that session to dump the Bostonian for a four count. Smith was forced to take the compulsory eight count before continuing the action.

DeMarco went into high gear as soon as the surprise of the knockdown wore off and in the third achieved the only official knockdown of Smith during the contest. Left hooks, delivered from in close with the rapidity of a sten gun sent Smith down. He got to his feet at three, took the compulsory eight count and managed to keep DeMarco from landing solidly enough to finish the job.

The bout was not televised nor was it broadcast over radio which may account for the better than 7000 fans who attended the show.

By his showing over Smith, DeMarco earned for himself an early chance to regain the welterweight title. Saxton has gone on record favoring DeMarco as his first opponent but Basilio is also strongly in the running for a return fight to take place in Chicago, one of the few places where Saxton can defend his crown, as long as Blinky Palermo is his manager.

Should DeMarco be Saxton's choice then the contest will be held at the Boston Garden.

Charley Johnston, manager of Sandy Saddler, has entered the arena with a challenge for a fight between Smith and the featherweight king. "He has offered to guarantee Smith $40,000," said Sam Silverman, Boston promoter, "and take for Saddler's end, 60 percent of the gate from which the pay-off would be made."

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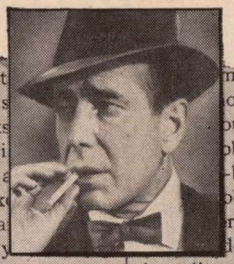

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BOBBY BOYD RISES

Lanky Chicagoan Caps Winning Streak by Outfighting Eduardo Lausse and Becoming Middleweight Title Threat

THERE are some who will tell you that the next middleweight champion of the world is a lanky young man from Chicago by name of Robert "Bobby" Boyd. They may not be far from wrong.

For Bobby Boyd has not only the equipment with which to win the world title but also the proper mental attitude toward arriving at that particular conclusion. He likes to fight and knows how to fight.

"I'd like to fight that Charley Humez, the Frenchman," says Boyd, "and then the winner of Robinson-Olson. People tell me I have the style to beat all three of them. Maybe I have and maybe I haven't. All I do in that ring is fight with everything I got. I'm not a killer. I know I can box pretty good and I know I can hit pretty good."

You try to get Bobby into further conversation about fights and fighters and he's willing but at the moment the most important thing in his life is the fact that his cousin, first manager, and still his adviser and constant companion, Milton Williams, is taking him out on his first golf game.

"Gee," he adds in reverent tones, "I'm going to play golf."

And then, as if struck by sudden thought, he declares:

"Know why I'm fighting better and keep improving? It's because I'm happy. My co-managers, Bernie Glickman and Jimmy DeVito, treat me like a son, not like a fighter working for them. They take me everywhere with them. They like to have me around and I feel like I'm wanted. They can't do enough for me and I can't fight hard enough for them when I get in that ring. I got to pay back all that faith they have in me and all the time they spent with me. When you have fellows like that in your corner, you got to do the right thing.

"I read about kids and fighters who brag about all the street fights they had and the things they did and still do. I was always a good kid. I don't drink and don't smoke and stay away from trouble. The only fights I had as a kid was when somebody hit my twin sister. The kids used to chase me home all the time because I wouldn't fight in the streets.

"I'm a lucky guy. Milt stays with me for all fights. And now I'm engaged to a wonderful girl, Cecelia Staking, who watches me, sees that I keep the right company, and drives along with me as I do roadwork. I've got the world's best trainer in Sedgewick Harvey—he worked with Bratton, Robinson, Gene Burton and John Holman. There's no kibitzing in a fight or in training. I do roadwork even when I'm not in training. I know a fighter has to make sacrifices to reach the top. To me, it isn't a sacrifice. I like to do it."

Bobby was born in Chicago on October 25, 1933. He stands 5 feet, 11 inches in height, has a longer reach than most middleweights. He barely remembers his father, who died when Bobby was just a boy. He lives on Chicago's West Side with his mother Minnie and two sisters, including his twin. He has an older brother and older sister, both married. He hopes to buy a home for his family shortly and also to get his own home for his pending marriage, which is being held in abeyance.

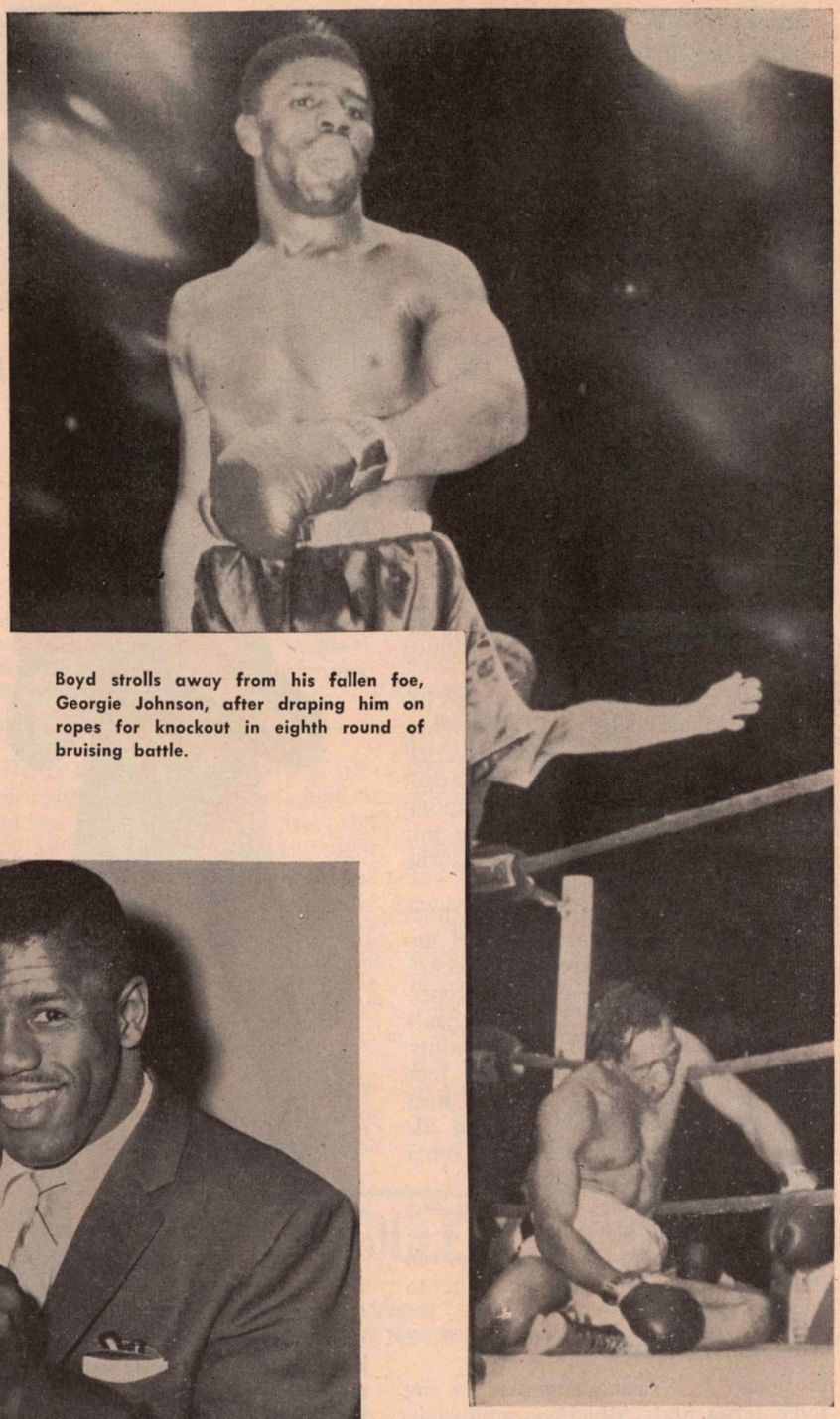
Bobby attended Manley High School for three years then quit to go to work as a butcher in a butcher shop, naturally. A cousin, Ernest Wilson, was an amateur bantamweight champion, and started young Bobby with gloves when Boyd was only five. He'd take the kid to the old Caleb Courtney gym, now torn down, and it was there that young Boyd got his early fistic education. At 16, urged on by a trainer, Gene Kelly, he entered the amateurs and won 20 of 25 fights, most of them in park tournaments. He was merely a runner-up in Golden Gloves competition.

DeVito saw Bobby work, liked him and talked the boy into meeting Glickman, a wealthy manufacturer of Kool-Vent awnings. Glickman also liked what he saw and then began the mutual admiration union. At 18, Bobby became a professional fighter. Brittle hands hampered him from the beginning. After a fight, the hands would swell. Glickman had a bone specialist work on them and after fights the hands would be placed in casts. The hands still get a little sore but they're getting stronger and he hasn't had to use the casts since his fight with Jimmy Welch in Chicago on October 26, 1954. He

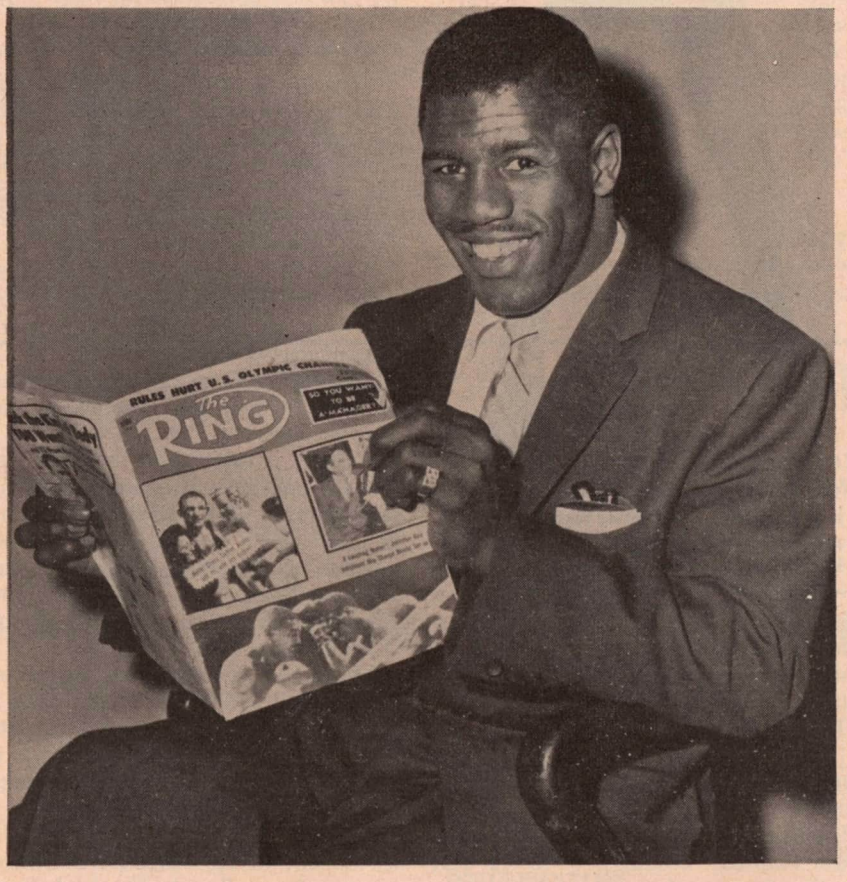
uses plenty of salt water after fights.

"I'm grateful for everything," he admits readily. "For a kid who came from poor people, I've come a long way but not without help. I dream of fighting for the title and when they introduce me as the 'Middleweight Champion of the World from the West Side', I think of how nice it would be if it were true.

"I think only of fighting. I used to go swimming but almost drowned and I don't swim anymore. I played third base in baseball but I gave that up, too. I don't want to take any changes of anything hurting my fighting career. Golf, that's different. I work as a file clerk in Glickman's storm window section just to keep busy when I'm not fighting. I was stopped twice —by Willie Troy and Moses Ward— but I learned from those fights. I wasn't knocked out, just stopped because of inexperience. My fight with Eduardo Lausse, the last one I had, was my toughest. Boy, he's a mean swinger. My first real break was beating Gene Fullmer."



Boyd strolls away from his fallen foe, Georgie Johnson, after draping him on ropes for knockout in eighth round of bruising battle.



Boyd smiles happily as he reads The Ring ratings that place him fourth among middleweight challengers following his victory over Eduardo Lausse. Like all boxers, Bobby is an ardent reader of The Ring, his favorite.

He would rather talk of the time he tried golf for the first time and couldn't seem to make the club head meet the ball.

"After I kept missing, I finally got disgusted and picked up the ball and baseballed it with the club, like a guy hitting fungos. I got a hole in one. The ball rolled into a cup."

And he likes to talk of the only time he was ever flattened.

"My mother did it. She knocked me cold. She found out I was training at night, between 10 and 11, and she came and got me and just hauled off. What a left she had."

This is a nice, modest kid. He could go all the way.

TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

AN almost unnoticed action in Philadelphia's Federal Court, regarding the suit by former heavyweight Al Ettore for a share in the proceeds from the films of his 1936 bout with Joe Louis, once again figures to toss the TV world in a turmoil. The battle has been raging for several years and Ettore, for a second time, seemed to be counted out.

Ettore lost his case four years ago before a Federal judge in Philadelphia, but the Circuit Court has just reversed the verdict and ordered the case retried.

The basis of the higher court's ruling is that a performance, such as, in this case, a prizefight, or a movie—is the property of the participants.

When the participants, like Ettore, signed releases for films, TV was unknown, but its rise since, says the court, has increased the value of those properties to the extent that the participants are entitled to a piece of the profits. Former heavyweight champions Jack Dempsey, Jack Sharkey and Max Baer have already engaged counsel to file similar suits and a number of other fighters have suits pending.

Should Ettore tack on another victory to his record it would mean, in essence, that all actors performing in old films on television could continue to cut in on the revenue.

Still Battling. Al Ettore, former Philadelphia heavyweight, is still fighting for a share in the proceeds from the films of his bout with Joe Louis which have been shown on TV.

THE JERSEY BOUNCE

Joseph F. Walker, chairman of the New Jersey State Athletic Commission, recently officially refused to sanction an application to promote studio TV boxing shows at a Newark television station.

In denying the application for a promoter's license to Al Black of Newark and Chick Wergeles of New York City for the matches that were to be staged at WATV in Newark, Walker stated, "It is my opinion that studio TV fights will consume rather than create or develop boxing talent.

"Therefore, I disapproved the application for the best interest of professional boxing in this state," concluded Walker.

It is the general opinion of boxing men in Jersey ring circles that Walker is afraid the studio TV matches would hamper his program of reviving fighting in New Jersey via non-televised fight shows at independent clubs. Clubs are trying to run at Paterson, Teaneck and Trenton.

Oddly enough, soon after this announcement, WATV (Newark) became another outlet picking up the fights from the Cambria A. C. in Philadelphia on Thursday evenings, 9 to 11 PM and screening them throughout New Jersey and metropolitan New York. So Walker, though he meant well, accomplished little and even lost the revenue which New Jersey would have received from the televised fights.

Black and Wergeles, who planned to use Duke Stefano as their matchmaker, were quite disturbed over Walker's decision against them.

"We intended to use as many young New Jersey fighters as possible," said Wergeles. "I believe we could develop as many, if not more, boxers in New Jersey with our studio TV program than the independent clubs running without television are doing there at the present time.

"The studio TV fights would not only have created plenty of work for inexperienced youngsters," Wergeles continued, "but it also would have brought the state of New Jersey more revenue than all of the independent clubs combined."

THERE'S A MISSING LINK

Statements made in the last issue, referring to a tie-up between the International Boxing Club and Leon P. Gorman of Bangor, Me., general manager of WABI-TV, in the promotion of bouts in that city with the possibility of televising several matches on a national TV hook-up from Bangor were apparently the pipe dream of a press agent and, after speaking to Harry Markson, managing director of the I. B.C., we would like to rectify any wrong impression we may have planted in running the story.

"There is no tie-up between the I. B. C. and the Bangor promoters," said Markson. "We are interested only in shows which we televise and it is not possible at this time to commit ourselves to Bangor as an origination site, although this could, of course, change at some future date."

Of utmost interest were statements made which had Angelo Pucci listed as the I. B. C.'s New England representative. To this Markson said, "Pucci is in no way connected with the International Boxing Club."

Markson's word is good enough for us. So, the tie-up, which never existed, is cut off and Bangor is set adrift on its own.

Correspondence from Mr. Gorman shows that the fight (Martinez-Melis) "did go over, to the tune of $11,000." The TV executive went on to say that negotiations are proceeding for a second card to be staged early in May and "just

to show how silly I am, we're going to jump the top to $5."

The story we ran linking the I. B. C. to the Bangor promotion, with Angelo Pucci as an I. B. C. representative, was sent to us late in January by Mr. Gorman in the form of an eight column banner headlined yarn in the *Bangor Daily News*. Gorman's most recent letters, dated March 7 and 8, make no reference to the I. B. C. or Mr. Pucci.

THE ADMIRABLE DEWEY

"The trouble with modern fighters and managers is they sit around waiting for a television shot instead of trying to help boxing by keeping busy."

So spoke Dewey Fragetta, the self-styled independent sports promoter whose job it has been to bring together fight managers whose boys want work and widely scattered promoters whose clubs need fighters. Naturally, he does have a personal interest in encouraging fighters to wander off the TV cable.

"Boxing is in better shape in the Far West, the Northwest and the Southwest than in the East," said Fragetta. "Maybe it's because the big TV fights start at 10 p.m. in the East but hit the West Coast at 7 p.m., still leaving the night open for something else.

"Texas is beginning to come on as a fight state, too. Recently in Houston, a local boy, Paul Jorgensen and Teddy (Red Top) Davis did $14,000.

"You say $14,000 isn't too much compared to the old days. You're right. It isn't. But the point is that it is possible to keep fighting around the country and not just wait to get a TV shot. A good match should do $8,000 and up, and that's about $2,000 for a fighter.

Hitting the Airwaves. Archie Moore, world light-heavyweight champion, aims to please on his new sports and disc jockey show over KFMB, San Diego, Calif.

"Here's the way it works with a television fighter—I know because I used to be on the TV side when Ray Arcel and I ran 102 consecutive Saturday night fights: if a fighter looks good on TV, he waits for another TV shot; if he looks bad, he'll come around to me, looking for something off TV. It should be the other way around. They ought to be cashing in on their television publicity."

MOORE GETS PAID TO TALK

Archie Moore, world light heavyweight champion, who has proven himself as a fighter and a personality, recently signed an exclusive contract to do a daily sports show and a Saturday disc jockey show with KFMB Radio Station in San Diego.

Moore, a twenty-year man in the ring, who made a gallant stand against Rocky Marciano in their heavyweight championship fight last year, will do his own sports show Monday through Friday, 6:30 to 6:45, on KFMB and his Saturday disc jockey stint from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. On both shows he will have Sam Grossman, KFMB's sports director, in his corner as his chief second.

Moore, a roamer from way back, now calls San Diego his home. He said he had long wanted to get tied up with broadcasting.

"After all, I can't fight for another 20 years," grinned Childe Archie, "so I thought I had better learn another profession." Moore said he would be doing the two things he knows best when he starts his shows—sports and music.

Archie said he planned to bring nationally-known sports guests to his show and when that isn't possible he'll use telephone interviews.

"I've met a long list of wonderful people in sports in my years of boxing and I certainly plan to use my personal contacts to build up a good show."

Moore said he "very definitely planned to inject my personal comments and feelings about the sports subjects we talk about."

Station Manager Arthur Mortensen said he had very little trouble coming to terms with Archie.

"I suggested one figure. He sug-

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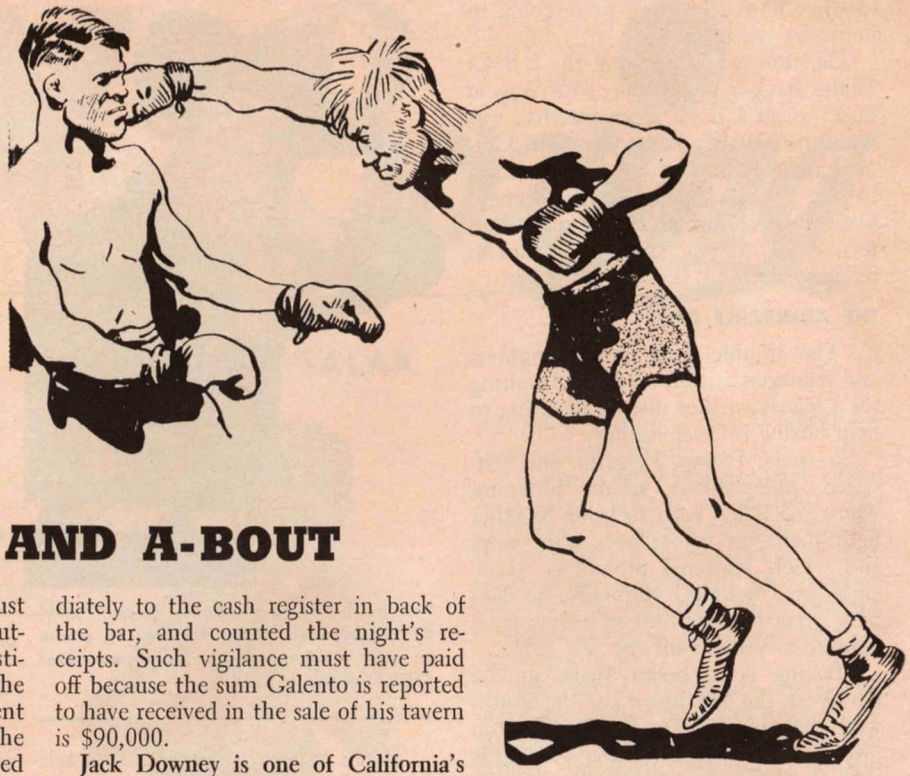
WEEKLY TV BOXING SCHEDULE

CLUB	CITY	STATION	ANNOUNCER
	MONDAY		
ST. NICHOLAS ARENA	NEW YORK	DUMONT TV NETWORK	CHRIS SCHENKEL
†MONT. ST. LOUIS	MONTREAL	CBFT	MIKE NORMANDIN
	TUESDAY		
MOTOR CITY ARENA	DETROIT	WWJ-TV	BILL FLEMING
	WEDNESDAY		
*WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	ABC-TV NETWORK	JACK DREES
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XH-TV	JULIO SOTELO
	THURSDAY		
OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM	LOS ANGELES	KCOP-TV	GARRY GOODWIN
CAMBRIA A. C.	PHILADELPHIA	WPFH-TV	DEL PARKS
WINTERLAND ARENA	SAN FRANCISCO	KOVR-TV	WALT HARRIS
	FRIDAY		
‡CAVALCADE OF SPORTS	NEW YORK and OTHER CITIES	NBC-TV NETWORK	JIMMY POWERS
	SATURDAY		
LEGION STADIUM	HOLLYWOOD	KHJ-TV	BILL SYMES
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XEW-TV	PACO MALGESTO and ANTONIO ANDERE

† Every other Monday.
‡ Also heard over the ABC Radio Network, Don Dunphy and Win Elliot, announcers.
*. Also heard over the ABC Radio Network, Steve Ellis, announcer.

By BOB ALLEN



A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

THE WORLD OF SPORTS must be waiting with bated breath the outcome of the proposed anti-trust investigation of the wrestling industry by the Justice Department. The Government wants the wrestling people to know the strangle-hold is illegal, whether applied by individual grapplers or by promoters.

A proposal being considered in Belgium would compel boxers to use gloves made of foam-rubber and to wear headgear. It is also proposed that the Marquis of Queensberry rules be altered to permit two minutes of rest between rounds. What they are trying to do in Belgium, evidently, is to change the cauliflower industry into the Brussels-sprouts industry.

Speaking of headgear reminds us of the time King Levinsky was training for his fight with Joe Louis in Chicago. The Kingfish trained at a resort known as Peg's Haunted House, just outside the Windy City. One Sunday afternoon the King sparred six tough rounds with three different sparmates. He wore no headguard at all and at the conclusion of the sparring session Barney Ross, a visitor to the camp, cautioned Levinsky against so dangerous a practice as training without a headguard.

"*You might get cut,*" said Ross, "*and the fight would have to be postponed.*"

"*You're right, you're absolutely right, Barney,*" said the Kingfish who then promptly donned a headguard to wear while he punched the heavy bag.

Tony Galento, New Jersey heavyweight, who came so close to dethroning Joe Louis back in 1939, recently sold his tavern in Orange, N. J. This recalls an incident in the Galento ring career. The year was 1940 and Two-Ton Tony was boxing Max Baer at the Roosevelt Stadium in Jersey City. The fight was a good one with Baer winning on a knockout in the eighth round. Galento picked up a sizeable check for his valiant effort and then rushed from the Stadium to his tavern, went immediately to the cash register in back of the bar, and counted the night's receipts. Such vigilance must have paid off because the sum Galento is reported to have received in the sale of his tavern is $90,000.

Jack Downey is one of California's top referees. He reports that following the Sandy Saddler-Flash Elorde featherweight title bout in San Francisco he received many letters from indignant fans who protested his handling of the contest. It happens, however, that Downey did not officiate that night. The referee was Ray Flores. It is obvious that many television fans listen to announcements with just one ear. That may account for the fact that promoters are constantly being swamped with mail from irate fans because of dissatisfaction with decisions, despite the fact that announcements are made before every televised fight that all officials are appointed by the Commission in the State where the fight is held.

Having been born on Washington's birthday, Abe Attell refuses to lie about his age. He insists he is 74 although on the basis of all available records, the indications are that he is a year younger.

Ray Robinson points out that when he was struggling along the comeback trail, prior to his smashing victory over Bobo Olson to regain the middleweight crown, he received all manner of advice from all manner of people. Most of this advice, he says, was discouraging and at times he was filled with despair. But then one day Robinson decided he was the best authority in the world on one particular subject. That subject, says the 160-pound king, was Sugar Ray Robinson.

"I decided," he says, "that while all the advice was well-meaning, no one could possibly know as much about me as I knew about myself. And I knew enough about me to be sure I could go all the way."

He did, too.

It is heartening to learn that some of the States affiliated with the National Boxing Association are beginning to doubt the merit of the ten-point-must system of scoring. No scoring system in boxing is infallible, of course, but the ten-point-must seemed to lead to more controversy than any other. Now the Indiana Athletic Commission, of which Am Rascher is chairman, and Archie Hindman is a member, has decided to alter things a bit. In Indiana henceforth a new five-point-must system will be used. Perhaps this has been done on the theory that five, being half of ten, will reduce controversial decisions by fifty percent.

A fight manager was explaining a fight in which his gladiator lost a close decision. "*My kid lose the duke,*" he said, "*but it was nick-and-tuck all the way.*"

Paul Andrews started out to be a crack light-heavyweight and potential heavyweight challenger. Aided by the expert instruction of Joe Louis, who on occasion worked in his corner, Andrews compiled a fine record up to the end of 1954. Then came trouble for the young lad from Buffalo for in four fights last year he won only one. His last ring appearance was in his home town where he suffered a ninth-round knockout at the hands of Bob Satterfield. Andrews is now working on the docks in New York.

We think the British Boxing Board of Control used sound judgment in refusing to reverse the decision in the Waterman-Gavilan bout regardless of how the members may have felt about that decision. A most dangerous precedent would have been established other-

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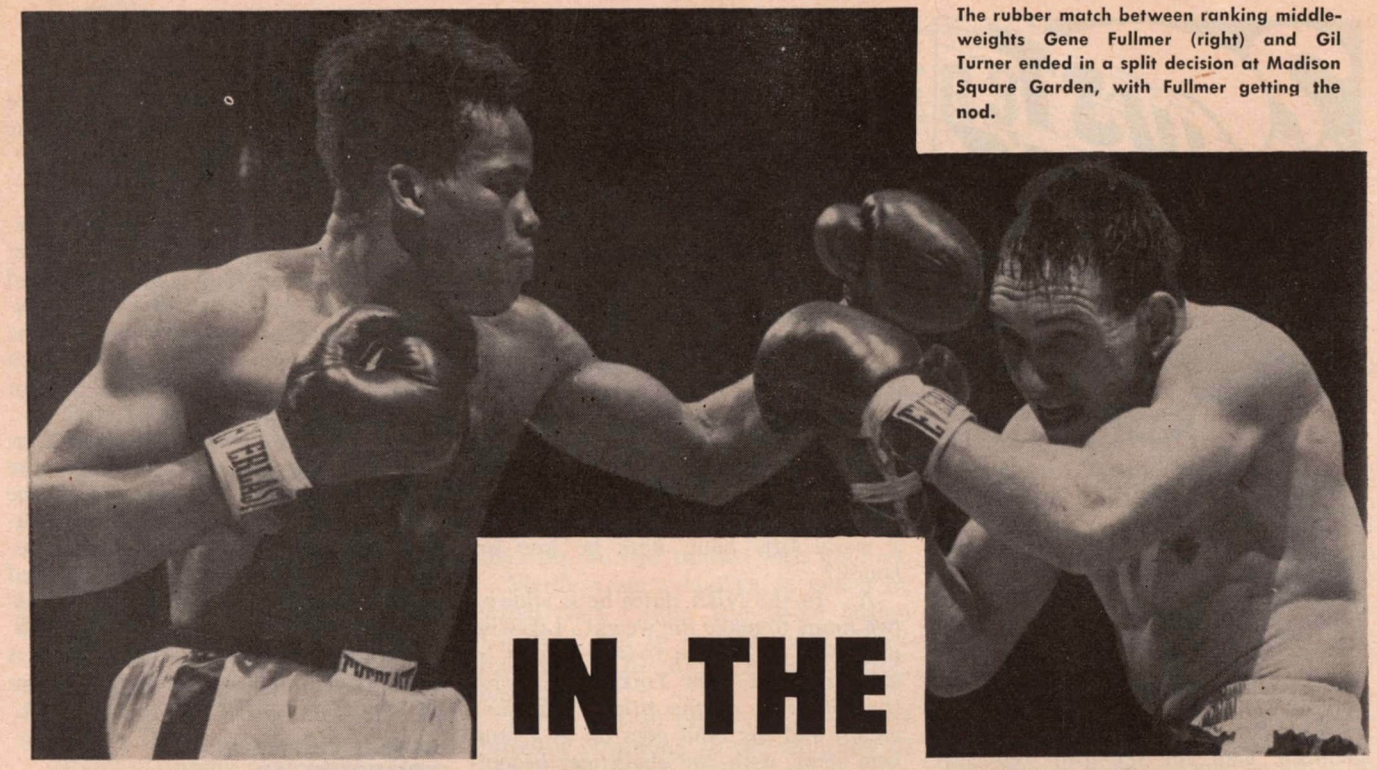
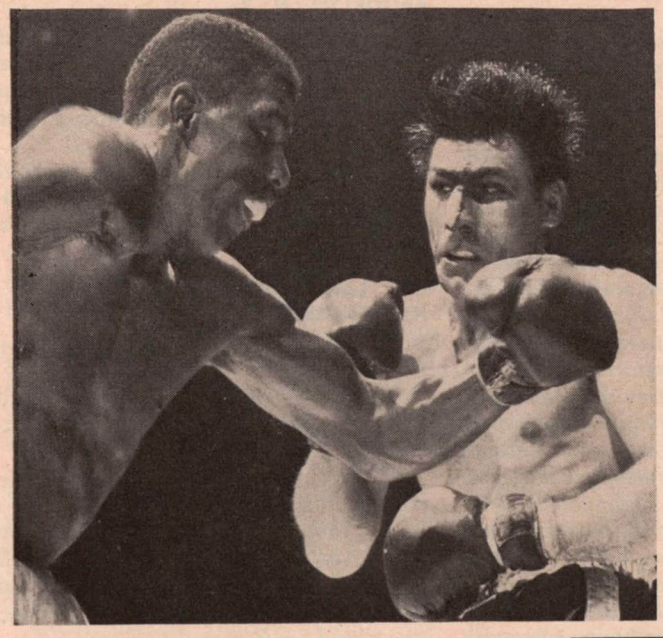
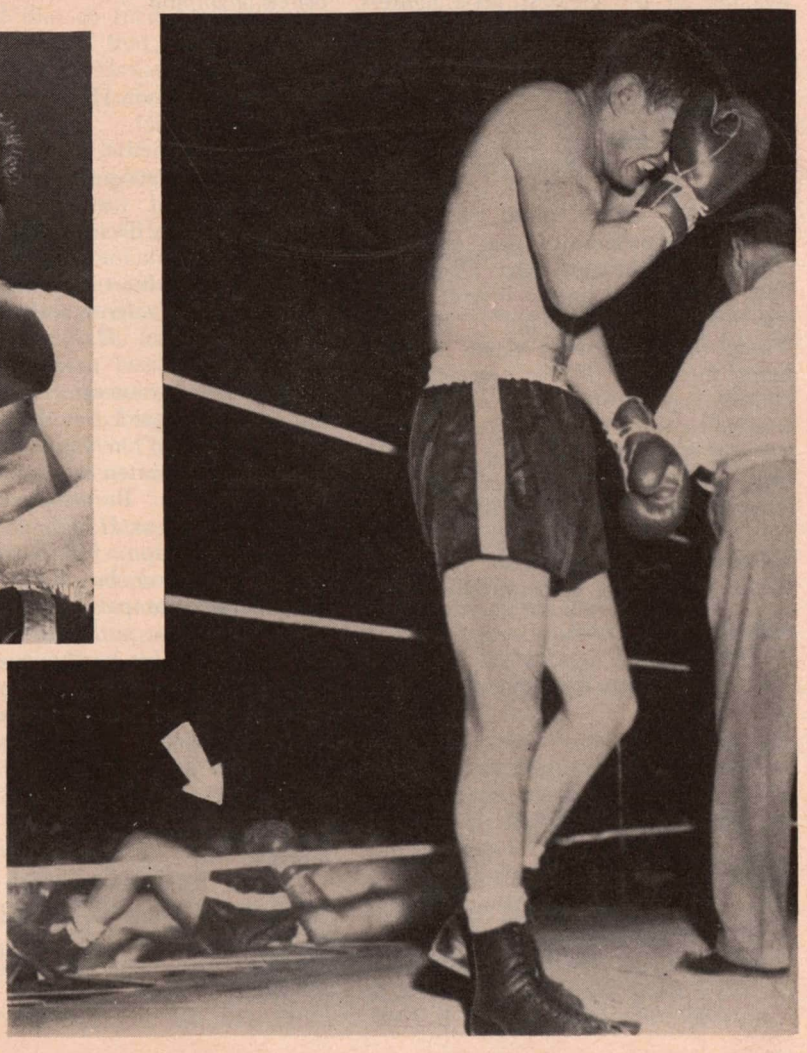


The rubber match between ranking middleweights Gene Fullmer (right) and Gil Turner ended in a split decision at Madison Square Garden, with Fullmer getting the nod.

IN THE MIDDLE OF ACTION



(Above) Bobby Boyd, lanky Chicago middleweight, landed high in the ratings as he landed often enough against Eduardo Lausse of Argentine to win a split ten rounds decision. Lausse had been unbeaten in thirty-three consecutive bouts until this set-back.



(Right) Someone to Cry Over Me. Peter Mueller (arrow), the comic from Cologne, did it again as he tripped over Jimmy Martinez' foot, sailed between the ropes and hit his head on wooden platform outside ring, to be counted out in fifth round at Portland, Ore. Martinez hides his eyes and sobs over victory. A couple of weeks later Mueller decisioned Martinez.

QUERIES ANSWERED BY NAT FLEISCHER

NORMAN HAZELWORTH, WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.

Q. My dad, who is 84 years old, was telling the family about a great battle he had seen in Coney Island in 1900 in which Terry McGovern stopped George Dixon. He doesn't recall the number of times Dixon was on the canvas and suggested I write to The Ring in order to refresh his memory. Can you tell him? He also saw the fight at Tuckahoe in which McGovern knocked out Pedlar Palmer in one round. He was, and still is, a McGovern enthusiast. He says Terry was one of the greatest little fighters he had ever seen.

A. *Happy to know a man of 84 is still a hot boxing fan. The McGovern-Dixon bout was held in New York, not in Coney Island. It was at the old Broadway A. C., at Waverly Place. The date was January 9, 1900. McGovern won in the eighth round when Tom O'Rourke, manager of Dixon, threw the sponge into the ring after Dixon had been down eight times. Five times he was floored with punches to the jaw. Three times he went down without being hit. One of the newspaper accounts reported the following: "Dixon was down no less than eight times in the eighth round, five from blows and three 'mysteriously.' O'Rourke saw that his protege was whacked unmercifully and tossed in the sponge. McGovern left the ring fresh as a daisy but Dixon couldn't stand up, so battered was he."*

ARTHUR O'SULLIVAN, EL PASO, TEXAS

Q. Was Gene Tunney ever knocked out?

A. *No. He was defeated only once in his professional career, and that was on a decision to Harry Greb in the first of their five meetings.*

MICHAEL PRENDERGAST, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Q. What fighter held the heavyweight championship longest?

A. *Joe Louis. He won the title June 22, 1937, from Jim Braddock, and held it until his retirement, March 1, 1949.*

MARION HORNFIELD, KANSAS CITY, MO.

Q. What was the name of the wrestler who went down at sea on his return to Turkey after making an American tour. He was reported to have had a money belt loaded with gold about his waist.

A. *Yousiff, the Terrible Turk. He died in September, 1898. He was the Turkish heavyweight wrestling champion.*

HARVEY McALLISTER, MILWAUKEE, WISC.

Q. If a champion fails to make the required weight when scaling in for a world title bout, does he lose his laurels?

A. *In the NBA states he is allowed two hours to make the weight. Likewise in New York. If he fails to reduce to the class limit, New York rules call for the forfeiture of the title. It remains vacant and the bout goes on as a non-title affair, with the challenger becoming No. 1 entry in an elimination. In most NBA states, the champion, if overweight, loses the title and if the challenger wins the bout he is declared champion.*

ALEX SIMMONS, CHICAGO, ILL.

Q. Did Marvin Hart hold the world heavyweight title?

A. *He claimed it, but the claim was not generally recognized. Jim Jeffries had announced his retirement, and Reno promoters decided to bill a Hart-Jack Root bout for the vacant title. To make the bout "official," Jeffries was invited to referee and declare the winner champion. Hart won, but press and public refused to recognize Marvin. Despite his announced retirement, Jeff still was regarded as the real champion. Hart didn't retain his claim very long. He was beaten by Tommy Burns in Los Angeles. Burns experienced as much difficulty as Hart had in getting public recognition. Jeff was still considered champion, but Burns launched a determined campaign to establish his claim, and some authorities did recognize him after his two-bout series with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in Los Angeles. The first meeting resulted in a 20-round draw, but Burns was a decisive winner in the second match, also a 20-rounder.*

MARSDEN DEAN, MUNCIE, IND.

Q. In the first and second fights between Louis and Conn, was Louis put on the canvas? In the two fights with Walcott, how many times was Louis dropped?

A. *He was not knocked down in the Conn bouts but was dropped twice by Walcott in first fight and once in the second.*

GEORGE AVITABILE, ALBANY, N. Y.

Q. If Boxer A is ahead over Boxer B for the first six rounds of a ten round contest and then Boxer B hands a terrific beating to his opponent in the final four rounds and also scores a knockdown in the final session, in your opinion, who won the fight?

A. *In New York where round by round scoring is used to determine the winner and points are used only if the fight ends in a draw, A would win despite B's great rally. But I would disregard the New York rules and based on four one-sided rounds plus a knockdown, would award the verdict to B. In any state where the points system is used, B definitely would be the winner on points.*

GEORGE THOMPSON, COVINGTON, KY.

Q. Was Basilio, the welterweight champion, ever knocked out?

A. *No.*

CHARLES DROZ, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Q. If the referee halts the fight during a round to have the laces tied properly or to have the doctor look at a cut as happened in the Saddler-Elorde fight, is time out taken?

A. *Yes. At all times when the fight is halted during a round for such reasons as you state, the referee orders time out.*

C R. LANCASTER, HYATTSVILLE, MD.

Q. When did Tommy Farr have his last fight?

A. *In 1953 against Don Cockell who stopped him on March 9 in Nottingham in the seventh round.*

Q. What was the breakdown of the scoring in his fight with Joe Louis?

A. *Judge McPartland, nine rounds for Louis, 6 for Farr; Judge Lynch, 8 for Louis, five for Farr and two even and Referee Donovan, 13 for Louis, one round for Farr and one even.*

JACK THOMPSON, ALTA, CANADA

Q. Recently you stated that Dr. Joyce Brothers was correct when she said that Dempsey floored Firpo nine times. This was when she competed in the $64,000 quiz which she won. I think you erred. It should have been ten times according to stories I have read. What do you say?

A. *Firpo was floored seven times in the opening round and twice in the second for a total of nine times.*

FROM OUR READERS

WHAT'S THE SCORE?

Dear sir:

I have been a fight fan for some time and I have defended the sport against its critics whenever possible. I have, however, about decided to throw in the towel. Since reading your article "Scoring Systems Galore" in the Ring's annual on T.V. fights of 1954 I have tried to follow your suggestions for scoring fights. On T.V. and in the local arenas, by following these points, I usually am wrong according to the official scores and right according to the A.P. or the local fight editors. No one seems to pay any attention to such things as "direct clean hits with the knuckle part of the glove", or "guarding, slipping, ducking, counter hitting etc." nor are any points taken away for minor fouls.

I watched Jimmy Carter fight Cisco Andrade with an open mind, or if I had any bias it was for California's own Compton Comet. I watched Carter cooly pick off the great majority of Cisco's punches and practically call his own shots, rocking Andrade on several occasions. However, Andrade's eye catching swings and jabs were given more weight than Carter's cool defensive boxing and harder punching. (The A.P. agreed with me on this point.)

Sandy Saddler's consistent ignoring of the rules is in turn consistently ignored by the officials. As an example of this I cite the fight between Saddler and Flash Elorde here in San Francisco. Local papers agreed on this point.

In his fight with Bob Baker, Tommy Jackson's back hands and slaps must have been given value, by the judges, equal to or greater than that given the solid straight punches of his opponent.

Due to these and many other fights I have come to the sad conclusion that, for the most part, it isn't the more skilled boxer that wins the decision but rather the flashier, eye catching showman.

In my sincere opinion, boxing, like wrestling, is no longer for the true fight aficionado but rather for the spectator who goes to the fights not to see a sporting exhibition but a comic spectacle.

Thomas Marks
San Francisco, Calif.

FULTON AND FICKLE FATE

Sirs:

I was very much interested in the series on Sam Langford, written by Nat Fleischer. The late Joe Carrol Marsh, who died in 1952, was a dear friend of mine and he knew Fred Fulton very well. Marsh, you will recall, managed Martin Plestina, the wrestler, and made the trip to Klondike with Frank Gotch whom he also managed for a time. Marsh told me that Fulton was responsible for the eye ailment Langford suffered, the injury taking place in their battle on June 19, 1917 in Boston in which Langford quit in the seventh round after receiving severe head blows. Sam's optic nerve was injured and from then on, he had trouble with his eyes.

Marsh wrote a booklet in which he stated that Fulton had twice beaten Langford, but in that he erred. They fought as *The Ring* properly stated, only once.

Fulton was an excellent heavyweight prospect possessing all the requisites of a champion but his difficulty with Mike Collins who handled him, was the cause of his downfall. Collins, to get even with Fred for refusing to renew their contract, accused Fulton of being "yellow" and that so riled Fred when he fought Dempsey, that he was an easy victim for the Manassa Mauler and thereafter lost to second raters and retired.

Strange how hate and spite can change an athlete's life quickly! It did so in Fulton's case.

I recall the case of Hack Wilson, who hit 58 home runs in a single season with the Cubs, was a superb ball player, but because of an incident, "losing the ball in the sun", he lost his place as a great ball player.

Then there's the case of Mort Cooper, pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals. He became a "hold out", was forthwith traded and soon was on the skids and out of baseball.

What is this intangible something an athlete loses so quickly? Cooper wrote a book in which he told how he so badly wanted to stay in baseball, didn't have a sore arm, but lost that "something" that transformed him from a great major leaguer to a mediocre pitcher. He even tried to pitch semi-pro ball but was unsuccessful.

In wrestling there are those who still believe that the great George Hackenschmidt, should have beaten Frank Gotch in their match at Comiskey Park in Chicago. But Hack was beaten so easily and quickly, it was unbelievable. What had he lost between his quick, decisive victory over Jenkins shortly before and the Gotch match? Many critics blamed it on the vitrolic press attacks against Hack that took the starch out of him.

Sport history, especially in boxing, is full of such oddities.

Ivor Remington,
Castle Rock, Colorado

PATTERSON PARTISAN

To the Editor:

Now that Tommy Jackson has beaten Bob Baker, who defeated Nino Valdes, who stopped Jackson, do you think that Floyd Patterson, who should have no trouble with any of the above, will get the chance he deserves to fight Rocky Marciano? Jackson has lost twice to Jimmy Slade. Baker has been stopped by Bob Satterfield and Archie Moore and won from Valdes in a bout in which he and Nino eliminated themselves as contenders. Moore should be forced to box Patterson before he gets another chance at Marciano's crown, a bout which seems at this time to be in the making.

Willie Pastrano may be the sharper hitter, but Patterson is a better puncher. Pastrano had all he could do to draw with Chuck Speiser.

Let's start a campaign for Patterson. He's the best of the present crop.

Gordon Smith,
Co. C, 85th Regiment, APO 139

ROASTED BEEF

Dear Sir:

I have been reviewing some of the Ring books. I was astonished to read that some of our boxers were scared of the "Great" Ray Robinson. Nonsense.

What's the matter with Marciano that great champ of yours? Why won't he fight in our country? I'll tell you why—because he's dead scared he'd lose on a foul.

How did our champion Don Cockell lose to that so-called champion?

Once again I'll tell you—because Marciano hit him when he was down, hit DON in the kidneys and gave him a rabbit punch. That's how the champ won.

Now we read "Peter Waterman gets disputed verdict over Kid Gavilan!" Your newspapermen have bitterly attacked that fight decision. What else can we expect?

Why won't Sandy Saddler challenge some of our up-and-coming featherweights. Is he scared too?

Here's wishing your boys lots of luck in dodging some of our boys such as

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NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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pired term which ends on January 1, indicates that the young man is being primed as successor to Chairman Helfand, if and when he should be advanced to a judgeship.

Souhan, though never in boxing, has been identified with basketball and football as a referee. He is Democratic leader of Senaca County, with a big following in his party. His appointment and that of Farley are clearly political. They are seen as an effort to gain support among Democrats Upstate and in Lower New York for Governor Harriman's drive for the National Presidential nomination.

The ideal situation no doubt would be for such appointments to be made without regard to politics, but that would be asking too much. They are definitely made, not only in this state but in all others, with an aim to hand out special plums to the deserving and to promote the political aspirations of the Governor.

Aside from the political angle, however, the appointments give to Chairman Helfand two party co-workers who are members of the same organization and under obligation to the same political regime, will carry out to a finish the Helfand crusade. As for Commissioner Christenberry, though he failed to pursue the plans he had outlined in his now famous magazine article on "Gangsters and Boxing," in "Life Magazine" when he took over the role of Chairman from Col. Eddie Eagan, he inaugurated a number of protective measures to safeguard boxers that have been adopted by every state in the Union.

"Fighting Bob" as he was called when he first took over and issued his tirade against mobsters who he declared "would either drive from the sport or resign if he failed," unfortunately didn't live up to his promise. He's a charming fellow, but he lacked the fighting qualities of his successor. Apparently his vast business enterprises took up too much of his time to enable him to follow through.

Though the investigations recently completed by Helfand were initiated in Christenberry's regime, it was the vigorous, relentless efforts of Bob's successor that succeeded in breaking up the defiance of Law and Order in the supervision of boxing. Where Christenberry had proved weak, Helfand showed strength and boxing is now on the road to health again. Throughout the investigation Christenberry cooperated whole-heartedly with his successor.

Chairman Helfand still has a long, tough haul ahead of him and with teammates of his own party to help him, this despite the aid he received from Christenberry, boxing's future at least in New York, looks brighter than it was a year ago.

We'll be keeping an eye on Young Farley and Commissioner Souhan.

NEWS OF THE THE MAT WORLD

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choke an opponent into submission than to pin his shoulders.

The Prince holds the distinction of having wrestled two of the greatest men to ever lace on a pair of grapping shoes. He met the one and only Ed (Strangler) Lewis and in 1940 faced the likes of the spectacular Lou Thesz. In 1941 the Prince locked horns with Jimmy Londos, the famed "Golden Greek" of the mat.

"Of all the men I've faced," smiles Emire, *"I believe Lou Thesz is the smartest."*

"A SHORT ON IRVIN "ZABO" KOSEWSKI" BY VINCE SALERNO

IRVIN "ZABO" KOZEWSKI, now of Hollywood, formerly of Woodlynne, New Jersey, is a familiar face on the mats of both California and the wrestling-conscious Middle West. ZABO got his athletic start in the Garden State when he was a noviate in the cloister of weightlifting and wrestling at the Camden New Jersey Y.M.C.A. He excelled in wrestling, bootball, swimming, track and could box.

The Hollywood wrestler has herculean strength very much like Hackenschmidt in his prime. At sixteen, when a student at Collingswood High School, ZABO was a lifeguard at Roberts Park Lake-Pool in the prosperous, beautiful, Garden State and even then possessed the best abdominal muscles-separation in the east-coast area.

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG . . . BY CY LOUTH

NEVER before was Pat O'Connor, 233, New Zealand, seen to better advantage than at Alex Turk's Christmas eve wrestling show in the Winnipeg civil auditorium.

One by one Pat reduced Mitsu Arakawa, 235, Japan, and Big Sky Hi Lee, 285, Toronto, to helpless, semi-conscious hulks. Then he tossed them one by one to Roy McLarity, 242, Minneapolis and George Gordienko, 250, Winnipeg, his tag-team partners, for the final slaughter.

Meanwhile, fuming Kinji Shibuya, 240, Honolulu, seemed unable to pull enough unorthodox tricks to aid his unfortunate partners.

On the record books, Pat got neither of the two straight falls, but it was his show all the way. He was a man inspired—a fist-swinging, knee-dropping, drop-kicking wrestler gone mad with power. On one occasion he slapped, kicked and hurled all of his three evil opponents out of the ring within a few seconds of each other.

The crowd screamed, roared and bellowed. They loved it. It was the most popular victory of the season, and did much to wipe away the bitter disappointment of four recent straight victories for the hated Russian Kalmikoffs in Winnipeg rings.

Officially the first fall went to McLarity, who forced Arakawa to give up after O'Connor had kept him available in the heroes' corner for a series of punishing leg holds. So badly was the Jap injured that it took his partner, Shibuya, who knows all about broken bones and twisted muscles, several minutes to get him to his corner. He never made an appearance after that, merely lurking outside the ropes in an effort to distract the referees. The second fall went to Gordienko, who pinned Sky Hi Lee after O'Connor had walloped the living daylights out of him.

SHORT ON LEON CAVALIER

A FAST rising young matman who has taken the Central states by storm during the past year is Leon Cavalier, a big lackadaisical fellow whose personality matches his fine wrestling.

Cavalier, standing two inches over the two yard mark and weighing a slender 215 pounds, was born in Paris, France, but left his home country when he was only eight years of age. He is now 27.

Having been in professional grappling for four years, Leon believes his teacher and instructor Buddy Rogers is the best man he has faced to date. He has met Don Eagle, Frankie Talaber, Jackie Nichols, Don Arnold, and has defeated such top-notchers as Bull Montana, Mike Angelo, Billy Fox and Young Don Kalt.

Cavalier claims Rogers to be the toughest all-around wrestler he has met and Billy Fox the smartest.

LOIS JOHNSON

A SWEET even-tempered young lady who recently entered the pro mat ranks is Lois Johnson, a wildcat in the ring!

Miss Johnson is from the rough and tumble school. Her dad was an amateur wrestler and a good one. He took Lois in hand and taught her a few holds that turned her head towards the money ranks.

A little on the husky side, Lois stands 5-feet 5-inches in height and tips the Toledos at 145-pounds. Her tactics are rough and she asks for no favors.

Says Miss Johnson, *"My mother has been paralyzed for 13 years, the result of an auto accident, and before very long I hope to have enough money to be able to afford the one doctor I am sure can cure her."*

TV & BOXING

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gested another. He raised his fist. I took one look. And then we compromised. We took his figure," Mortensen said.

CHANNEL HOPPING . . . The Ray Robinson-Bobo Olson world middleweight title fight, scheduled for May 18 at Wrigley Field, Los Angeles, carries a $100,000 TV tag, with possibly all of California blacked out.

Old fight films are proving tremendously popular on British TV, with Jack Solomons' Scrapbook program carrying the bouts. . . . On a recent show he screened the first Ray Robinson-Randy Turpin middleweight title bout and the Gene Tunney-Jack Dempsey "Long Count" battle.

A new television studio is being built in Syracuse which is to contain a boxing ring complete with all the necessary equipment for staging boxing shows.

The Wednesday night sponsors of the fights, Pabst and Mennen have renewed their television and radio contract with the I. B. C. and the American Broadcasting Company for another year starting in June. . . . Sponsors will spend close to $4,000,000 for the 52 week deal which must include six title matches.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

AN ACCIDENTAL BUTT WHICH RE-OPENED AN old cut over Carlos Chavez's left eye made Referee Walter Cho stop a scheduled ten round bout at the beginning of the sixth, thus awarding undefeated Stan Harrington, 145, a TKO win, his 19th, in a welterweight scrap held at the Civic Auditorium. The mishap happened early in the fifth but Chavez, 146, was allowed to continue fighting until the end of the round. Once back in his corner, Chavez's cut was examined again by Dr. Barney Iwanaga, physician for the Territorial Boxing Commission, who this time advised halting the fight.

Other results: Abel Donnell, 133½, decisioned Jimmy Burns, 134¼, 5 rds. Mike Ines, 133¾, and Josiah Lii, 136, fought to a 4 rd. draw. Sam Wailani, 144½, fought Linford Chung, 142½, to a draw, 4 rds. Dala Canales, 134, beat Felix Aciro, 132½, 4 rds.

WELTERWEIGHT JOE MICELI OF NEW YORK left-handed his way to a convincing ten round win over Stan Harrington of Honolulu in an outdoor fight held at the Honolulu Stadium, March 6. The third pro card of the year and the first to be held outdoors in nearly three years, drew 8,495 fans who paid a whopping $26,916.50 at the gates.

Harrington suffered three cuts on his face and bled from the third round on. Miceli was unmarked. Harrington outweighed Miceli, 147½ to 147.

In a rare heavyweight scrap, at least around here, experienced Kolu Sabedong, 211¾, knocked out John Contrades, 208, in the second of four. Josiah Lii, 136½, beat Felix Aciro, 131½. 4 rds.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By Broadway Johnny Cox

CHAHLEY JOSEPH, 158, NEW ORLEANS MIDDLEWEIGHT, landed in The Ring rating following his six round TKO over undefeated Jimmy Beecham, 151½, capable Miami, Fla., at the Coliseum Arena headlining promoter Heard Ragas fistic card.

Beecham was slightly ahead until the fifth round. A solid right to the jaw dropped Beecham in his corner and when he arose, trainer Angelo Dundee asked the referee to halt the bout in 50 seconds of the sixth heat.

Dr. William C. Quinn, examining physician for the La State Athletic Commission said that Beecham's jaw was broken in two places.

2969 fans paid a gross gate of $4596.14.

Ernest Burford, classy young Memphis, Tenn., welterweight, a combination boxer and fighter, remained undefeated locally, winning a unanimous eight round decision over Cyril Kelly, in a special added attraction. Kelly was tabbed as the "Acid" test for Burford, but The Memphis, Tenn., sharpshooter fought a cool, smart fight and at the finish had Kelly cut around the nose and mouth.

Sterling Keyes, 153, won a unanimous four round verdict over Cleveland Hamilton. Keyes outweighed Hamilton 12 pounds. Leon Sterling, 137, knocked out Al Shaffer, 133, in 2-50 of the first round.

▶ Ralph Dupas, 139½, making his first start in a local ring in months, won a split ten round decision over Hoacine Khalfi, 138, Algerian lightweight at the Coliseum arena. Dupas lacked the speed of former fights here but after the fight said he'd been handicapped by a cold.

3970 fans paid a gross gate of $9133.66.

Herbie Rodriguez, 149½, undefeated New Orleans welterweight, scored his second victory over Vince Bonomo, 149¼, in an added eight rounder. The decision was booed by many of the fans.

Ted Mosely, Mobile defeated Joe Burton in a four rounder. Kenny Decareaux, decisioned Irwin LaBorde and Nolan Duplessis stopped Carleton Wilson, Mobile, Ala., in two heats.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By J. A. Tree

HAMBURG: ALEX BUXTON, EX-BRITISH CRUISER CHAMPION, produced one of the biggest upsets in German boxing since the war in halting the local KO matador, MAX RESCH (Hamburg) in ten rounds. The German middleweight had not had the taste of defeat in 25 professional contests and had won 19 of them inside the distance. In round four of this cruiser contest, it looked as if RESCH would add yet another victim to his KO list. BUXTON (73.8 kilo) lay in an helpless condition over the top rope to hear the referee, HERBERT THOMSER, count over him to "six." Two heats later the southpaw German found himself on the canvas for "eight" from a right uppercut to the chin. RESCH (73 kilo) eyes were swelling and the 5,000 crowd, at the Ernst-Merck-Halle, were surprised and bewildered to see their local favourite in such a plight.

Hamburg's middleweight, HANSWERNER WOHLERS, outpointed FRITZ WENZEL (Bochum). WOHLERS is undefeated in seven bouts.

20 year old lightweight champion, KARL-HEINZ BICK of Dortmund, won on points over PATERNOTTE (Belgium). HELMUTH MISTOL (Hamburg), welter, won his second professional fight, outpointing HOEFFLER (Belgium).

▶ St. Nazaire: GERHARD HECHT (Berlin), EBU cruiser champion, retained his title halting challenger CHARLES COLIN (France) in 13 rounds at St. Nazaire. 7,000 filled the submarine shelter to see the local boy try and dethrone the German champion. Their wishes were almost fulfilled in round eleven when it looked as if the fight would be stopped when HECHT received a cut right eyebrow. The 60 year old promoter, Henri Fogel made a 6 million franc gate and his promotion was a successful one.

WESTERN MASS. RING NEWS
By Don Hamill

ANDRE TESSIER, 164½, WON A HANDY UPSET DECISION over his former sparmate, Sammy Walker, 160, in an all-Springfield match. The bout attracted a capacity crowd and more than 1000 people were turned away. Tessier knew how to handle Walker's awkward crouch, he jabbed well to pile up points, and twice during the bout had the veteran on the verge of a knockout. Walker was in dire difficulty in the fifth and ninth rounds and only his experience saved him from inglorious defeat.

▶ Barry Allison, 151, Westover Field, outscored Wilbur Wilson, 146, Boston to win their ten round bout by a wide margin. Wilson started each round with a body attack which seemed to bother Allison. The airman came charging back in the latter half of each round to smother Wilson with punches and to take the rounds by clear margins.

Angie Turiano, 185, Brooklyn, scored a second round knockout over Dennis McCann, 184½, Hartford, in a wild semi-final. Pat Demars, 143½, Brockton, showing the ravages of several years layoff eked out a win over Green Young Walcott, 150, Bridgeport, in another six spot. Johnny Juliano, 128, Hartford, outpunched Nick Devanno, 125, Norwich, in a four spot that saw both fighters on the floor. Rocky Beauregard, 136½, Holyoke, won over Jimmy Pina, 132, Newport, R. I., in another slugfest.

▶ Dom Sacco, 130, Boston and Oakland, Calif., used a long left jab to squeak out a very close decision over Johnny O'Brien, 127½, also of Boston, after ten fast, pleasing rounds. It was a see-saw battle with very little to chose between them at the end. The decision was a split one with one official casting his ballot for O'Brien. Some of the newspapermen also felt that O'Brien had an edge. All agreed, however, that it was very close.

Ted Doncaster, 168, Sackville, scored his sixth local win by belting Willie Wright, 167, Waterbury, out of commission with a single right in the second of a sixer.

1956 RECORD BOOK CORRECTIONS

Page 5—Marcel Cerdan's year of birth should be 1922.

Page 12—Manuel Ortiz lost title to Harold Dade on Jan. 6, 1947.

Page 15—Wallace (Bud) Smith born at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Page 35—Add to Light Heavyweight Champions Who Failed in Bids for Heavy Title: Sept. 21, 1955—Archie Moore knocked out by Rocky Marciano, 9th round, Yankee Stadium, New York.

Page 36—Shortest Held Title, Middleweight: Randy Turpin, July 10, 1951 to Sept. 12, 1951. 2 months, 2 days.

Page 100—Tunney knocked out Tom Heeney on July 26, 1928.

Page 121—Jem Mace died at Newcastle, England, Nov. 30, 1910, and was buried in Liverpool.

Pages 200 and 202—Change Sept. 28, 1915 Lewis-Britton date to Sept. 27, 1915.

Page 243—In George Dixon's record, change Oct. 12, 1903 Digger Stanley fight from L 6 to W 6.

Page 284—Change Jan. 8, 1947 Ortiz-Dade fight to Jan. 6, 1947.

Page 287—In Jimmy Wilde's record, change May 29, 1916 Tommy Harrison from Cardiff, W 20 to London W 8.

Page 295—In Benny Lynch's record, Oct. 3, 1938 Aurel Toma fight from Glasgow to London.

Page 750—In Tanny Campo's record, change May 7, 1955 Little Cezar fight from Filipino flyweight to Filipino bantamweight title bout.

Page 389—Add to Ray Barnes record, Nov. 3, 1953, Yolande Pompey, London, KO by 4.

Page 644—Change Frank Repino to Frank Rapino and delete Jan. 26, 1955 Tommy Gallagher fight. Frank Papino fought Gallagher.

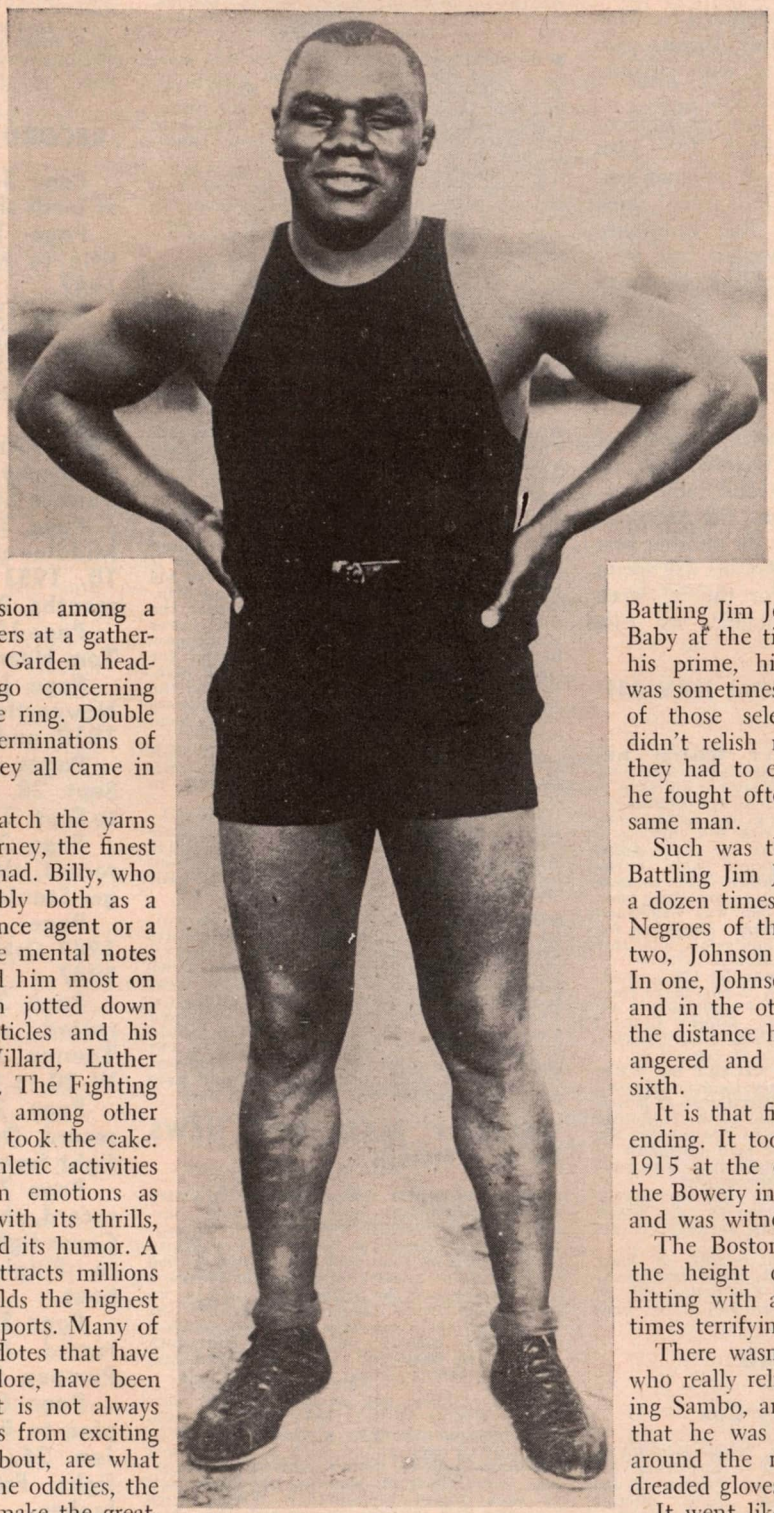
The record of Said Khelfa, Algerian lightweight, was inadvertently left out. His record is:

Mar. 28	Joe Gomes, Providence	W 8
Apr. 4	Tony Anthony, Providence	KO by 3
May 2	Eddie Williams, Providence	KO 1
June 6	Eddie DeMars, Brockton	L 8
Oct. 28	Bobby Jackson, Cleveland	W 6

The Langford Legend

A Great Fighter, He Also Left Behind Many Amusing Anecdotes

By NAT FLEISCHER



Old Sambo, whose devastating power will long be remembered, often fought the same man, but only because they had to eat, not because they wanted to tangle with the great battler.

PART III
CONCLUSION

I RECALL a discussion among a group of sports writers at a gathering in Tex Rickard's Garden headquarters some years ago concerning queer happenings in the ring. Double knockdowns, unusual terminations of bouts, odd incidents—they all came in for hearing.

But no one could match the yarns spinning by Billy McCarney, the finest story teller boxing ever had. Billy, who had travelled considerably both as a ballyhoo artist, an advance agent or a manager, not only made mental notes of things that interested him most on his journeys, but often jotted down material for special articles and his stories about Jess Willard, Luther McCarty, Young Griffo, The Fighting Parson, Jack Dempsey among other famous fistic characters, took the cake.

Few branches of athletic activities embrace all the human emotions as thoroughly as boxing with its thrills, its drama, its pathos and its humor. A fascinating sport that attracts millions to television, boxing holds the highest rating among televised sports. Many of the incidents and anecdotes that have gained a place in ring lore, have been put into the movies. It is not always that the thrills one gets from exciting moments in a boxing bout, are what one most recalls. It is the oddities, the laughs, that frequently make the greatest impression and bring a contest in the category of "fights one cannot forget."

So it was with most of the contests in which Sam Langford engaged. One will always remember his power, but the incidents are the most unforgetable portions of Tham's battles.

There was a fight, for example, at the Atlantic Garden on the Bowery in the lower East Side section of New York, in which Sam was billed to tackle Battling Jim Johnson. The Boston Tar Baby at the time Langford was still in his prime, hitting with ferocity that was sometimes terrifying. The majority of those selected as his opponents didn't relish mixing it with him, but they had to eat and so did he, hence he fought often, many times with the same man.

Such was the case of Langford and Battling Jim Johnson who fought half a dozen times—not unusual among the Negroes of that period and in all but two, Johnson was carried by Sambo. In one, Johnson was kayoed in a round and in the other, he might have gone the distance had not Langford become angered and ended the bout in the sixth.

It is that fight that had a laughable ending. It took place in the spring of 1915 at the old Atlantic Gardens on the Bowery in New York's slum district and was witnessed by a sell-out house.

The Boston Tar Baby was then at the height of his amazing powers, hitting with a ferocity that was sometimes terrifying.

There wasn't a fighter in the game who really relished the prospect of facing Sambo, and Jim Johnson, realizing that he was in for a drubbing, ran around the ring to avoid Langford's dreaded gloves.

It went like this for five rounds, to the jeers of a packed hall. Sambo's rage visibly rose with every session. The referee warned Johnson, who then decided to limit his fighting to clinching.

Suddenly Langford pushed his big

Sam Langford (second from right, front row) in training for his bout with Jim Flynn in 1908. Manager Joe Woodman is at his left and world bantamweight champion Jimmy Walsh at his right. Langford kayoed Flynn in one.

Negro opponent out of a clinch, dropped his arms and shouted in a voice that all could hear:

"Is yo' goner fight, yo' yaller rat? Come here a' let me whale de tar right outen' yo' befo' all dese babies!"

But all he could get out of Jim Johnson was a grin.

In the sixth round Sambo was like a raving lunatic. Throwing all caution to the winds, he ran after Johnson, caught up with him and shot in two scorching rights to the jaw. Johnson wheeled about and tried to get out of range, but as he turned, Sambo let go his right almost from the ground.

It came up with the shattering force of a whale's tail and caught Johnson right in the middle of his pants—on that part of the anatomy which fighters, like other people, usually sit on.

It put Johnson flat on his face for the full count. When his handlers brought him to, he couldn't put his feet on the floor, and he had to be carried out of the ring. The blow had paralyzed him and injured his spine.

Langford, not realizing how badly he had hurt his opponent, went to his dressing room before leaving and there Johnson asked:

"Foh what you done dat to me, Sam? Why yoh 'it me in dat place?"

With a grin, Sambo answered, "cause yoh got eyes in yoh 'ead, Big Boy, but yoh got none in yoh seat", and out of the building Sam went.

THEN there was the day that Langford fought Nat Dewey on Washington's Birthday in a scheduled ten rounder at Cheyenne, Wyoming. Dewey, a Negro giant with a fairly good record, was a member of the Infantry Division stationed at Fort Russell where he held the heavyweight championship of his outfit. On the afternoon of the contest, Dewey's comrades, who were paid off, backed their checks to the limit on their man.

In 1952, Sam Langford, "the greatest fighter that ever lived," returned to his boyhood home, Boston. Here he shows Al Delmont (left), former New England featherweight champion, that there's still a wallop in his strong right arm.

LANGFORD

BACK there along the corridor of Time
I heard them calling him the Uncrowned King;
They said he was the Master of the Ring;
He had the heart, the punch—had everything;
A walk-in battler all along the line
He beat the best in every land and clime.

But now his sun has fallen in the west
And he has passed along as all men must;
As all machines shall crumple into rust,
As all the great shall topple into dust.
His record puts him up there with the best,
With Ketchel, Johnson, Jeff and all the rest.

Don Gallagher

Joe Woodman and Langford were on their way to San Francisco and they stopped for several hours at Cheyenne before entraining again for the Pacific Coast. Eager to gather in a few extra shekels, Woodman had accepted an offer for Langford to fight Dewey prior to a bout that had been arranged for a fortnight hence in San Francisco.

The Boston Tar Baby and Nat got into the ring, which was surrounded by Dewey's entire regiment it seemed, all there to root their man home. When

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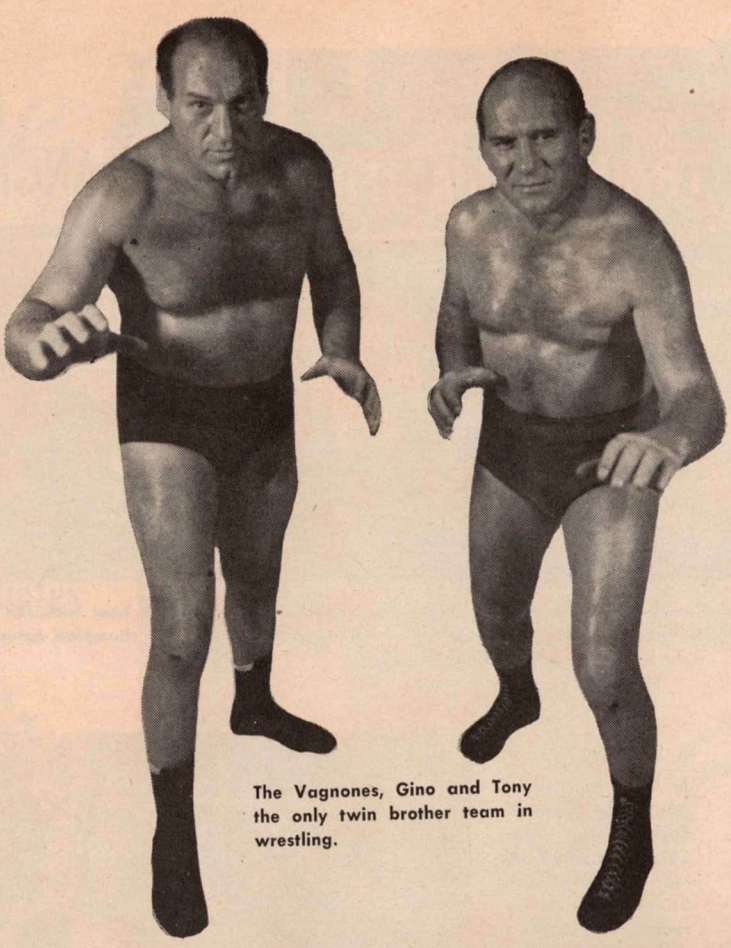
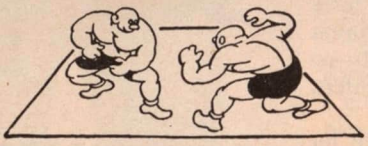
Sam Langford who was blind for the last thirty-two years of his life, during his fighting career campaigned in England, Australia, France and Mexico. Towards the end he lived in a nursing home in Roxbury, Mass.



The Vagnones, Gino and Tony the only twin brother team in wrestling.

Lois Johnson is a five-foot-five-inch, 145 pound demon among the lady grapplers.

THE MAT WORLD



By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT WORLD

IN a recent interview Joe Louis, ex heavyweight boxing champion of the world indicated that he was in the throes of signing a $100,000 contract to turn wrestler. He had also signed with the Philadelphia wrestling promoter, Ray Fabian, for a grudge match with Rocky Lee, the giant cowboy.

Said Louis: "I won't be wrestling against Lee, I'll be using my fists, and he can wrestle if he wants to."

"I'll be attempting to knock him out," said Louis, "It's a grudge match. He hit me when I was a referee and disqualified him against Buddy Rodgers in Washington, a while back." The bout took place and Joe scored a kayo. He wore no gloves.

The Brown Bomber toes in above 235 as compared to his wrestling adversary's 279. Joe's best weight as a champ was around 211 pounds.

Aside from the physical aspects of the match and of Louis turning to wrestling we are sorry that the dignity of the heavyweight champion of the world should drop to a low where he is willing to enter the world of the hippodrome and burlesque.

Money is the explanation, but in Joe's case there can be little pity expressed for the ex champ's present financial embarrassment.

Joe made over a million even with the bite taken by managers and Uncle Sam's taxes. But Joe always wanted to live higher than his means. Which is to say he wanted to live better than a millionaire and did until he found that money can be spent faster than it can be made if you work at it as a full time job.

Many former fighters have turned to the world of the grunts and growls but of them all, Joe Louis has stood on a plane above most champions. It is a shame for a man with the quiet dignity, an idol of youngsters and the underprivileged to shed this royal mantle for the therianthropic endeavors of the mat world.

Even the script that the publicity is following has had the lustre taken off of it. In January of last year the Associated Press ran a story out of Albuquerque that former boxing champion Jersey Joe Walcott was going to put on the gloves against a professional wrestler, one George McKay, a former boxer turned grappler. McKay challenged Walcott, so the story went, after the ex champ had floored McKay with a right to the jaw during a dispute in a wrestling match refereed by Walcott.

Any differences in the build up is purely coincidental with all the players in these exciting developments being boxers and wrestlers . . . the champs are all ex.

FAN CLUB CORNER

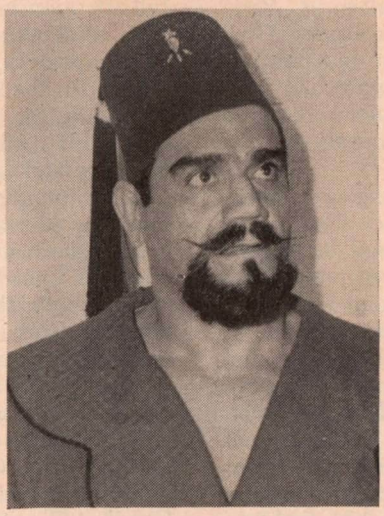
A few new clubs for you followers of the arm lock trade to join are listed: A club for all wrestlers and wrestling fans with loyalty to all and not to any one wrestler is the idea

of the "Fans of the Mat Club." President is Mrs. Laura Tucker, Box 884, Palmetto, Florida.

A newcomer into the fan club field is the club for Jim Grabmire organized by President Mary Hasley, R. R. 6 Faye St., Marietta, Ohio. Miss Glenda Chapman writes inviting fans of Johnny Rougeau to join. President Chapman's address is St. Eugene Lamartine, Ctë L'Islet, P. Quebec, Canada. The Wild Bill Savage fan club, which was organized in January will accept new members. Write to Kent Bies, 126 West 6th Street, The Dalles, Oregon.

THE BELL TOLLS

Joe Zikmund passed away at Omaha at age 68. He was the world's wrestling champion for three months back in 1923 when he took the title from Ed (Strangler) Lewis in Boston, Mass. Lewis was thrown out of the ring and had to forfeit the match due to a big cut in his back received in the fall. In a return match Lewis regained his crown.



With 16 years of pro westling behind him Prince Emire, a real toughie, is at last receiving the recognition he deserves.

George Tragas, 227, wrestling instructor at New York's Bothner's Gym is one of the most skillful wrestlers in the world. Tragas's skill on the mat is a legend throughout the game. Tragas trained many of the champions and is noted for his double wristlock.

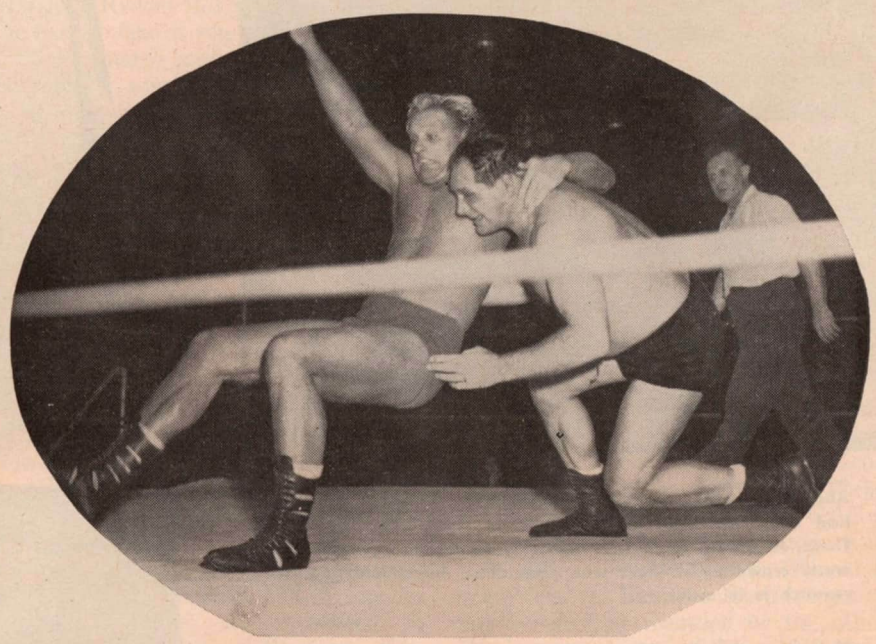
Popular heavyweight Joe Montana, whose home town is Columbus, Ohio, is referred to respectfully as the man of two thousand holds. A pupil of John Pesek, Montana is one of the most scientific matmen. Joe is the ex world's junior heavyweight champion. He formerly operated a school of wrestling in Camden, N. J. His life has been very colorful and at one time he made a serious attempt to join the romantic and famous French Foreign Legion. Besides hundreds of holds, Joe is a terrific puncher with either fist and his admirers liken him to one of the early English bare-knuckle boxers. Montana's matches in Camden set the attendance record for that wrestling-conscious city. He drew over twelve thousand fans per bout. Montana's favorite hold—the crooked head scissors. . . .

Ralph "Ruffie" Silverstein of Chicago won National Collegiate titular honors in wrestling and is one of the toughest matmen in the business. Ralph is a very scientific wrestler and a credit to the sport. A learned, cultured man and scholar, "Ruffie" is interested in semantics and Philosophy. His favorite hold is the abdominal stretch. Silverstein was a captain in the U. S. Army serving in combat in the Pacific theatre and New Guinea in world war two. He volunteered at Pearl Harbor and went immediately overseas. . . .

THOSE FABULOUS "VAGNONE TWINS"

FANTASTIC . . . Incredible . . . Remarkable . . . these are but a few of the adjectives that describe the background of the VAGNONE twins and their startling brand of mat mauling. Born in Canada, (exactly two minutes apart) Gino was taken into the home of an American Aunt at the tender age of two and was never informed of his living twin brother. Tony Vagnone, already nicknamed "Red" grew up as an only child and from the beginning showed great natural sports ability. Tony attended elementary and high school in his native Hamilton and then Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario. At Queen's he distinguished himself as a triple threat man on the gridiron, an outstanding track and field star, a fine weight-lifter and lacrosse player, (lacrosse being to Canadians what baseball is to Americans) and a brilliant amateur wrestler. Some of Tony's athletic accomplishments at this time include winning Inter-Collegiate titles, running the 100 yard dash in 10 seconds flat—at a bodyweight of 210 lbs. Named All Star tackle for four consecutive years and won both the junior and senior Inter-Collegiate Wrestling championships. As a weightlifter he has the distinction of being the first Canadian to lift 300 lbs in the clean and jerk.

In the meantime Gino Vagnone grew up in the American city of Columbus, Ohio. He spent his boyhood with rela-



Above right we see Gene Stanlee (left) about to toss Bobby Bruns. At one point in the match Bruns was tossed into a corner post. Stanlee won the match and Bruns ended up looking . . . (see photo on left). Photos by Carl E. Funk.

tives and like his twin in Canada became known as "Red" and also displayed early signs of athletic greatness. Gino attended elementary, high school and college in Ohio. At famed Ohio State he excelled at football, baseball and track and field. He attracted much attention in short order and one of his early sport thrills was playing against the immortal Indian JIM THORPE.

It is interesting to note the similarity in the lives of the VAGNONE TWINS. Though separated they lived almost identical lives, pursuing the same interests and developing similar skills. Upon leaving college both played professional football, Tony as a tackle with the Hamilton Tigers and Gino with the Detroit Lions as a fullback. At this time in life Gino embarked on his professional wrestling career and became an over-nite success. His powerful frame and above average sports ability lended itself completely to the mat. Tony's natural skill and liking for wrestling prompted him to enter the pro ranks also and his first money match was in 1940. When war was declared he joined the service. Aggravating an old knee injury resulted in his discharge and he soon readied himself for his return to the ring. Though not in uniform at this time, brother Gino in the USA was in charge of thousands of men in a large war plant. He continued to wrestle and when war ended focused full attention to his mat work. Tony's mat action has mostly been while wrestling as Abe Zvonkin, especially in Canada. He adopted this ring monicker when he read of another wrestler in the states whose name was also Vagnone. Little did he realize that this colleague was in reality his own lost twin. During their individual careers, Tony "Red" Vagnone and Gino "Red" Vagnone have traveled different ways, winning numerous mat laurels. Abe (or) Tony has held the Southern United States Heavyweight Championship. Gino has been the Pacific Coast Titleholder and also won the Canadian Heavyweight Crown from Bob Langevin. Between them the Vagnone twins have some 30 years mat experience, have engaged in some 6000 bouts, appearing throughout Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Japan and Singapore. Gino once wrestled before a huge crowd of 25,000 people in Tokyo. The two have clashed individually with matdom's top stars, Thesz, Watson, Longson, Managoff, Schmidt, Gagne, Rocca, etcetra. Oddly enough both "Reds" have wrestled masked and both appeared in Western Canada. Gino created a reign of terror as Mr. X and later Tony starred in this same region as of all things Mr. E. . . .

It was inevitable that the brothers eventually crossed paths and to say that the meeting was startling is the years biggest understatement. Soon after his arrival in Ontario in the summer of 1955, Gino found himself on the same

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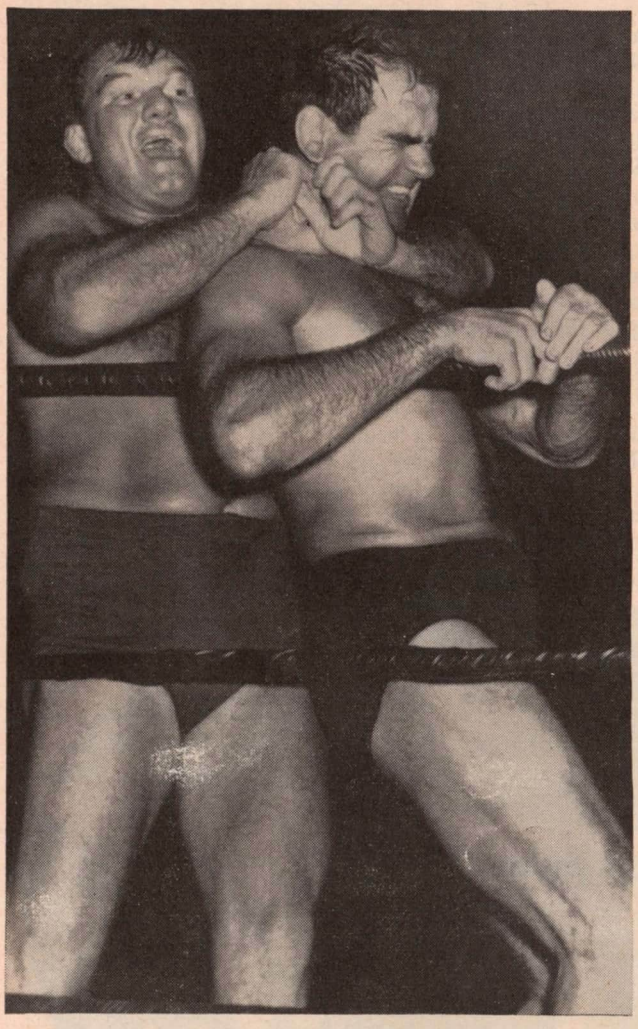
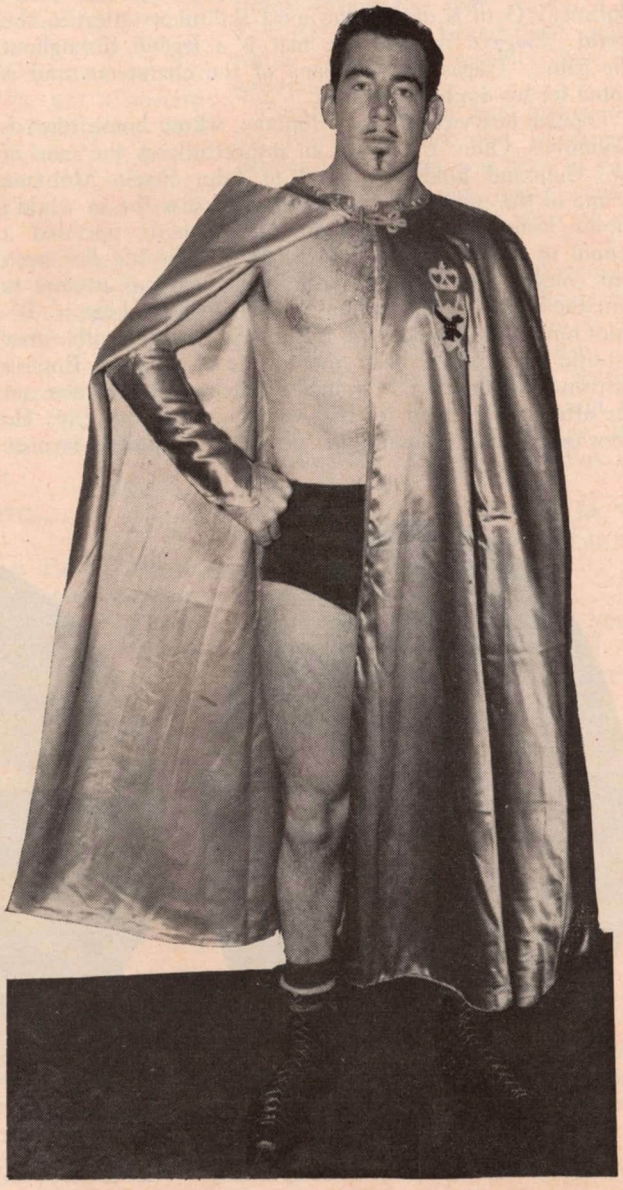


Above: at Toronto, Canada Whipper Willie Watson, Canadian bad boy, seen with an arm lock on NWA champion Lou Thesz. According to the UP report Watson was awarded the world crown when Thesz was disqualified for shouldering. A rematch is in order.



Right: Leon Cavalier, 27 year old French born wrestler who has been pleasing the fans in the Central States.

BIG WHEEL FROM DETROIT

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Following his basic training, Summerlin went to Japan where he finished his tour of duty. He spent two months in Tokyo and four at Kokura, where army brass were trying to place him as an athletic director. Finally, he was sent to Ashaya, an airborne camp, where Summerlin served as boxing instructor. Johnny's team entered all of the army tournaments and one member of the squad, Ernest Boykins, a welterweight from Kansas City, Kansas, went on to become champion of all Japan.

Upon his discharge, early in 1954, Summerlin went in training for two months. In his first fight he kayoed Oscar Pharo in four rounds and then repeated in two. Then he lost three split decisions in a row, two to Charley Liston and one to George Powell.

Since that time he has been unbeatable, going through eleven in a row, seven inside the distance. After decisioning Toxie Hall, he stopped Arthur Wright, Al Hunter and Willie Coleman.

Traveling out to California, and entering the ring a 5-to-1 underdog against Charlie Powell, he launched a two-fisted attack that floored the football player twice and stopped him in the sixth.

Then came his first decision over Young Jack Johnson, a sensational affair, and his battle with unbeaten Zora Folley, who was decked three times before calling it quits in his corner at the end of the sixth round.

Back to Detroit, he handed Bert Whitehurst a severe beating about the head, especially in the sixth and eighth rounds of their fight, though Whitehurst refused to go down. It was a decision. After the bout Whitehurst collapsed and was rushed to a hospital.

Neal Welch and Ernie Cab were next on the chopping block, meeting their ends in eight and four rounds.

THEN came the return fight with Young Jack Johnson, last February 23. A week before the bout, in a sparring drill with Clarence Williams, a Hollywood, Calif., heavyweight who for 1955 sported a spotty record of one decision, one knockout, three lost decisions and was halted once, all four rounders, Summerlin caught a right hand flush alongside the chin and dropped. The odds favoring Johnson immediately took a crazy leap upward. If an unknown, wearing the big training gloves could do that to Summerlin, it was reasoned, what would Young Jack Johnson, a proven heavyweight, do to him a week later?

Well, Johnson did nothing to him a week later. It was the first time Summerlin had ever been dropped and that's as far as it went.

The Detroit heavyweight went into the bout with a vengeance. A fierce body puncher, he kept shooting deadly rights from all angles in a blistering attack that won convincingly. Three straight rights nearly ended it in the fourth, as Johnson wobbled and was out on his feet.

The fight made Summerlin. Recognized locally only in the Detroit area and in California, though already placed in the ratings by The Ring Magazine, his stock shot up immediately after the second Johnson fight. High he went into the ratings and a clamor went up for his services. Matches with Floyd Patterson, Archie Moore, Tommy Jackson, Bob Baker and Johnny Holman were discussed and attempted to be made. A win out of any such fight could place him directly in line for a world heavyweight title bout with Rocky Marciano.

After the bout, the Summerlin entourage returned to Detroit, where Summerlin lives with his sister and mother. The 24-year-old heavyweight had had a birthday on January 23, but the celebrating waited until after the Johnson fight. On March 3 manager Loftis threw a big shindig for his heavyweight at his home, with over two hundred people attending.

Recently Summerlin underwent a tonsilectomy and won't be ready to renew his quest for a title shot until May.

Out of all the contenders, a bout that would shape up as the most important in finding the leading challenger for Marciano would be between Summerlin and Johnny Holman. Holman, though his earlier record is ragged, has rapidly forged to the front and his knockout of Bob Satterfield and victory over Joey Rowan this year mark him as the man to beat if you want a title shot.

Such a match probably will be made. Summerlin wants the fight, Holman must clear the deck to warrant the try at Marciano. He would be the underdog in such a fight—possibly a decided underdog. But he has the equipment and know-how to beat Holman.

Come summer time, Summerlin could be the Big Wheel from Detroit in the heavyweight race.

SMALL-BUT-BIG TIME

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as much a part of the show as were the fighters in the ring, but it has a reputation for good shows. Jackie Leonard, the matchmaker, is slowly rebuilding the Legion Stadium's prestige, and last year ran 50 shows.

Babe McCoy and Cal Working, who run the big shows in Los Angeles at the Olympia, are interested in the Hollywood Legion Stadium. The smaller club feeds the larger one, and at the same time makes money.

Sid Flaherty, Bobo Olson's manager, supplies fighters for a half dozen clubs in California. Benny Ford is his associate. Together, they promote in such places as Oakland, Richmond and San Jose. These are farm clubs for San Francisco.

Also on the West Coast is Gus Cozza, who promotes in the new arena at Spokane, Wash.

Another successful small club promoter is Marv Jenson, who has had at least two shows in West Jordan, Utah that have drawn more than $10,000. The West Jordan Arena is city owned and is located in the rodeo grounds. A city commission governs the sport out there, and of course the top attraction is Gene Fullmer, recent conqueror of Rocky Castellani.

Everything is big in Texas, including boxing. At least it is plentiful. Fights are being held all over, in Houston, Galveston, San Antonio, Beaumont and Dallas. The top spot is Houston, where Ralph Smith is the promoter. He has two clubs, the Coliseum which seats 50,000, and the Auditorium which has a capacity of 5,500.

Heard Ragas in New Orleans had a big show recently topped by Willie Pastrano and Rex Layne. He also operates a Negro club that runs every other week, and has plans to put on shows at the Auditorium on a regular schedule.

Small club activities are not as extensive as they used to be before the age of video, but in recent months the trend has been the other way. It's a modest trend, no more than a trickle, but there is boxing outside the big cities. There are good fights that never get on television.

In Florida, in Texas, in California, in New England, promoters are busy giving the local patrons the best attractions available. It is a healthy sign.

A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

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wise. The last time an administrative group tried changing official decisions was late in '52 when Joey Giardello was awarded a verdict over Billy Graham in a bout at Madison Square Garden. The New York board decided it did not like that verdict and switched it. But not for long. A State Supreme Court Justice switched it right back again.

The number of Washingtons in ring action today is causing confusion. There are Benny (New York welter), Gene (New Jersey middleweight), Joe (Philadelphia middleweight), Junius (California middleweight), Pete (Chicago welter), and, of course George (Brooklyn heavyweight). Benny is the most active but he must be regarded by the other Washingtons as an interloper. His right name is Jackson.

THE MAT WORLD

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mat program as Hamilton wrestler Abe Zvonkin. While Gino was showering following his match, Zvonkin entered the dressing room and spoke to a veteran mat star who had just been chatting with Vagnone. The old timer believed he was still talking to Vagnone and was dumbfounded when Gino reentered the room. Naturally the two "Reds" were flabbergasted when they spied each other. Tony and Gino went out for dinner that night after the matches, the story of their lives pieced together like a jigsaw puzzle and the twins were reunited at last.

Having proved themselves as single matmen, they are now assembled as a team and are beginning a concentrated drive to capture the World Tag Team Championship. Tony "Red" Vagnone and Gino "Red" Vagnone are the only TWIN BROTHER team in wrestling. They are built alike, look alike facially and are both vicious rough-house operators specializing in mat mayhem.

THE WRESTLING WORLD
BY ED BRIGGS

AT a recent wrestling card in Fresno (Calif.), ten top rated heavyweight wrestlers were in action. The man responsible for showing this top drawer talent is promoter Al Dermer, the man behind the scenes in Fresno, the raisin capitol of the world. Dermer presented The Togo Brothers, Enrique Torres, Leo Nomellini, Mickey Gould, Johnny Swenski, Cyclone Anyaya, Joe Blanchard, Steve Stanlee and Angelo Cistoldi, all on one card. Al moved his weekly DAV sponsored mat shows to the huge Fresno Memorial Auditorium. The auditorium housed over a thousand more fans than the old Ryan's Arena, and so by being able to house more fans, Dermer has used the money gained by those admissions to bring to Fresno two more top wrestling stars. We heartily congratulate Al Dermer for being able to present a star-studded card every Saturday night.

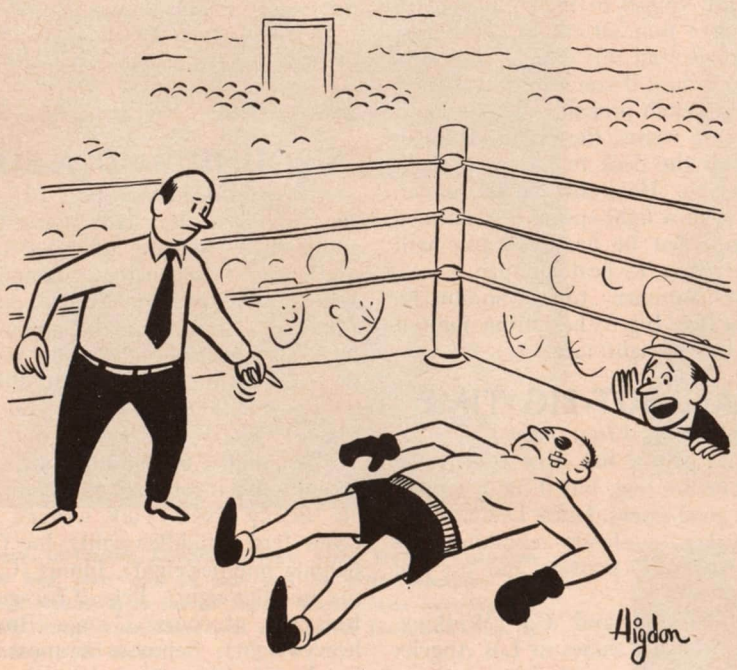
Dr. Mickey Gold, the popular Oakland star, has announced intentions of giving up wrestling, probably next year. Mickey is now a full-fledged chiropractor with a practice in Oakland, Cal. We hope that Gold will continue to wrestle on the "side", as it will be a great loss to wrestling if he should retire altogether. . . . Caught the recent series of the TV show "Wrestling From Hollywood". This fine wrestling action film features veteran wrestler Jules Strong Bow, and TVcaster Bill Welsh. The two team up to do a fine job at the mike.

Referee Frank Manfredo has added his name to the retiring list. Frank has refereed in Fresno for a great number of years and will be missed as the third man in Fresno matches. . . . Ronnie Etchison has headed for the midwest, after a successful nine months on the west coast.

Spectacular Bob Ford, the young Ohio dropkick ace, is now showing in Florida rings. . . . Juan Humberto of Argentina now relaxing in his San Francisco home. Juan is a ring veteran and knows every trick there is. . . . Promoter Louis Miller has resumed shows in Visalia, Calif., after a layoff. . . . Football ace Wilbur Snyder is doing well in the Wisconsin area. Snyder is a big favorite in his hometown of Long Beach, Calif. . . . Big Bob Orton and Tom Rice are equally hated by the wrestling fans of Japan. At one time, Orton was one of the cleanest wrestlers in the ring. Now he's just the opposite. Rice, a ringman who has seen several years of action, has held his own with the games' best. . . . Lord Leslie Carlton back in Los Angeles after a New York tour. . . . Remember "Tug" Carlson? . . .

We still consider Ronnie Etchison as the most UNDERRATED WRESTLER in the ring today. . . . Yukon Eric Holmbach has been enjoying a string of victories during his northern California tour under the Joe Malcewicz banner. . . . Eric toppled Vincent Lopez in Fresno in two straight falls. . . . Tosh and "the great" Togo, tag team champions of Japan, (so they say), are undefeated on the coast. . . . Ever popular Mexican star Enrique Torres is showing better nowdays than he has in years. Torres is the Pacific Coast Heavyweight Champion. . . .

Primo Carnera stopped in southern California for a short tour. . . . Wonder what has happened to Doc Len Hall, and Flash Gordon???? . . . Young and speedy Joe Blanchard has created quite a following in California. The lad is very popular. . . . Lightning Johnny Swenski, a Pacific Coast kingpin in the '40's, has returned to northern California. Johnny is a very capable grappler who should have had more main events than he did this trip. . . . Our old friend Juan Humberto is back in California. Juan is one of the best "roughies" in the country. . . . Big John Tolos of Canada is now appearing in Los Angeles area rings.



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SHORT STORY ON PRINCE EMIRE . . .
BY BOB UTTER

A 38 year old veteran of 16 years in professional wrestling is Prince Emire, the Purvia born madman who now makes his home in Los Angeles, Calif.

Weighing a well stacked 230 pounds and standing one inch over the six-foot mark, Emire is a veteran of the old school. He likes for things to get rough because he is a toughie himself. In fact, so Emire tells it, he would rather

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THE LANGFORD LEGEND

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the referee called the men to the center of the ring for instructions Sam turned his head and whispered to Woodman:

"How long did yoh say it was foh our train starts for 'Frisco, Mr. Woodman?"

"In about an hour Sam," replied his manager.

"All right, boss, we'll ketch dat train," Sam replied.

He then turned to his opponent and as the bell sounded, he leaped forth and let go a right swing that caught the soldier boy on the chin with such force that he went hurtling through the air. When he landed he was out cold.

Sambo took one look at his fallen opponent, hardly waited for the referee to finish the count and started to crawl through the ropes calling to his manager:

"Come on, Mister Woodman, git de money and we ketch our 'Frisco train."

The bout lasted 37 seconds.

Sam Langford had a sense of humor. Some of the wisecracks of the great Negro heavyweight have gained a permanent place in boxing literature.

Back in 1908 he was matched by his manager, Joe Woodman to box Fireman Jim Flynn in San Francisco. There was little interest in the bout and on the day of the fight it was obvious that the attendance would be poor. Sam walked into the arena, gave it the once over before going to his dressing room and remarked to Woodman, "dis looks like a cemetery. It's a ghost town. We got to git out in a hurry."

His dressing room was next to Flynn's and in passing the door Langford noticed that Flynn's chief second was cutting up a dozen or more oranges.

" 'Foh what yuh dishing dem oranges up, Doc,?" he inquired.

"Jim has a yen for them when he's fighting, replied Doc Russell. "He likes to suck 'em."

"Mah goodness, Doc, youse wastin' a lot o' time squeezing 'em oranges. Jim won't be needin' all dat fruit in deah."

The significance of the remark didn't strike Doc Russell as he continued to cut the fruit into small portions until shortly before the men were to enter the ring.

Out they came and following a few preliminary instructions, the gong sounded. Out rushed Langford and let go his famed right. It carried T.N.T.

Flynn's chin was in the way and down he went like a log. Sambo leaped over the ropes as the count was completed, raced down to his dressing room, took a shower and in a few minutes was ready to leave with his manager.

"JOAN CALLED WHILE YOU WERE OUT."

The bout had lasted one minute and seventeen seconds.

Meeting Doc Russell as the latter was leaving Flynn's room, Langford laughingly remarked:

"Ain't I told yuh, Doc, yoh wuz wastin' all dem oranges. Ah warned yoh Jim wouldn't need 'em."

LANGFORD, even in his early days, was a popular club fighter. His bouts in Massachusetts always attracted attention and big gatherings. His manager, booked him against Sadler Jennings at Chelsea in 1903 in a six round contest. Jennings, a waiter by trade, refused at first to accept the assignment because of Sam's powerful hitting but when Woodman told him that Sambo would take things easy and give the fans a run for their money by letting Jennings stay the limit he agreed.

For two rounds Sam pulled his punches and the waiter was in his glory as he kept popping Langford and getting little in return. He figured he was making a name for himself at the expense of his adversary, and so he was. The crowd gave him plenty of encouragement and when the gong sounded ending the second frame, Langford went to his corner with fire in his eyes.

"What foh yoh tell me be easy wid 'im? Dontcha' see 'e's tryin' for a knockout? I'se gwine to show 'im sometin'."

Woodman tried to have Sambo live up to the agreement the manager had made but during the minute intermission, no amount of persuasive argument could keep Sambo's blood pressure down. He was determined to take things in his own hands when the next round got under way and he succeeded.

The bell clanged and out from his corner leaped Langford like an hyena going after its prey. He bounded out with business in his eyes. He got close to Jennings, held out his hand as if it were the final round and Jennings, stepping back, looked bewildered. He thought that Sam had been misinformed about the number of rounds they were to box and asked:

"What's the matter Sam? This ain't the last round."

"It is foh yoh boy," said Sambo. "Dis am goin' far enuf. I'se wastin' no more time."

With that he let go one of his famous punches and caught Jennings on the Adam's apple. He fell like a log, gasping for breath.

The waiter took a good sleeping pill and when he awoke, he found himself surrounded by his handlers and a doctor. It was his last fight.

RATINGS

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to light heavyweight Andre Tessier, 10. Mike Holt bested Garth Panter, 12.

Rory Calhoun kayoed Angelo DeFendis, 5; and Andre Tessier, 5. Gus Rubicini outfought Chester Mieszala, 10. Luigi Coluzzi was too experienced for Australian Champion Billy McDonnell, 12.

Rinzi Nocero defeated Phil Rizzi, 8. Gene Johns whipped Mike Campbell, 8.

Jesse Turner defeated Leroy Green, 10. Ray Drake and Hardy Smallwood tugged to a draw, 10. Al Pellegrini defeated Alfonso Flores, 10. Sugar Boy Nando defeated Ivellaw Stevenson, 10. Dick Lane won from Jack Williams, 10. Grogan brothers posted pair of triumphs, Clarrie stopping Carlo Marchini, 11, and Harry polishing off Pran Mikus, 2. Art Glass outscored Charlie Glover, 8. Clive Stewart eliminated Harry Castle, 7.

Frankie Anslem beat Harry Felder, 6. Monroe Kurtz beat Marion Guzzo, 6. Battling Siki upset Ismael Espana, 10. Larry Maldonado beat Danny Perez, 6. Dobie Josie stopped Art Halliday, 4. Joe Baglio beat Otis Woodard, 6. Jim Hergerle kayoed Howard Lee, 1.

Jackie King whipped Ricardo King, 6. Rod Litzow finished Clive French, 8. Mickey Laurent fought to a draw with Kouami Yao, 8. Bid Nethers scored over Jerry Fowler, 10. Fowler also lost to Georgia Kid, 8.

Tiberio Mitri scored 12th straight win of latest comeback campaign by kayoing Bill Jo Cohen, 3. Mitri then ran his streak to 13 by outpointing Jean Ruellet, 10. Bill Godfrey stopped Gerry Campbell, 6. Lew Lazar edged out Ali Belkacem, 8. Jimmy Hopkins kayoed Marty Bright, 4.

Steve Marcello kayoed Bob Bolton, 8. Herschel Bailey kayoed Dwight Barringer, 1. Joe Gray kayoed Vern Alexander, 5.

Al Jones defeated Eddie Sims, 6, Eddie also lost to Irvin Thatch, 6. Jerry Luedee kayoed Jimmy Skinner, 8, Skinner beat Jimmy Garcia, 6. Bob Barksdale whipped Jackie Lee, 6. John Houston kayoed Dale Sanderson, 2. Little Joe Louis stopped Hank Davis, 4.

George Harrell kayoed Edmund George, 4. Rocky Slater bested Russ Gilliam, 6, and stopped Pete Gonzales, 4. Bob Stevens became Belgian champion by winning from Andre DeKeersgieter on disqualification, 8. Joe Baglio whipped Johnny Lissy, 6.

Les Allen outpointed Al Allotey, 8. Andre Drille outfought Jean Ruellet, 10, and Michel Masson, 10.

Olle Bengtsson scored upset kayo victory over Chris Christensen, 7. Frankie Rapino stopped Al Kaleo, 5. Wilf Greaves defeated Howard Swartz, 6. Tiger Jackson defeated Charlie Courtney, 6. Jimmy Hegerle kayoed Willie Jackson, 2.

George Knowles beat Georgia Kid, 6, and Sherman Williams, 6. Benny Walker drew with Willie Lewis, 6. Henry Brown beat Gomero Brennan, 6. Tony Necro beat Rocky Patrin, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Johnny Saxton regained the World Championship with a disputed decision over Carmen Basilio, 15.

Tony DeMarco kayoed lightweight king Wallace (Bud) Smith, 9, (non-title).

Virgil Akins kayoed Andy Watkins, 2. Vince Martinez outscored Paolo Melis, 10.

Joe Miceli outpointed previously unbeaten Stan Harrington, 10. Miguel Diaz won the Cuban title by beating Chico Varona, 12.

Juan Padilla bested Enrique Esqueda, 10, then won the Mexican title by defeating El Conscripto, 12.

Gene Poirier stopped Danny Jo Perez, 8. Wilfredo Miro kayoed Carlos Martinez, 2, and Memo Garmendia, 5. Reybon Stubbs bested Charley Glover, 8.

Arthur King outpointed Chico Vejar, 10. Isaac Logart defeated Gasper Ortega, 10. Johnny DiGilio bested Johnny Gorman, 8. Warner Handke stopped Bep Van Klaveren, 5. George Justine defeated Bernie Bibbs, 6. Tony DiBiase defeated Johnny Lissy, 6. Joe Davis stopped Jimmy Piper, 5. Carlo Sarlo beat Henry White, 6. Sam Langford beat Young Quick Silver, 8. Don Weller whipped Eddie Ford, 6. Frankie Skidmore and Chuck Courtney drew, 10. Ralph Alvarez bested Frankie Turner, 6, Joey Dorando defeated Joey Abasta, 10.

Lightweight Walter Byars outpunched Bob Murphy to win New England welter title in 10. Yama Bahama defeated Carlo Sarlo, 10. Jake Rosato bested Rudolph Bent, 8. Valere Benedette stopped Jacques Herbillion, 9. Frits van Kempen retained Dutch title by kayoing Theun Brommer, 6.

Clarence Cook kayoed Melvin Bell, 1, and Joe Sgro, 6. Mickey Savage stopped Jimmy Howard, 5. Garnett (Sugar) Hart kayoed Mel Collins, 2. Ben Buker II became Spanish champion by whipping Manuel Correa, 12, but was surprisingly stopped by Javier Ortiz, 3 (non-title). Gorilon Ortiz won on a disqualification from Mario Moreno, 2.

Santos Gutierrez stopped Manuel Rocha, 3. Eduardo Lozano drew with Chilango Rosales, 10. Julio Cesar Jimenez scored over Babe Lopez, 10. Vincente Cantu drew with Maurice Jenkins, 10.

Barry Allison outpointed Wilbur Wilson, 10. Arley Seifer stopped Marshall Clayton, 8, then lost to Ernie Smith, 6. Herbie Rodriguez outscored Vince Bonomo, 8. Johnny Eubanks whipped Jimmy Perrault, 8. Giancarlo Garbelli whipped Dave Johnson, 10. Eddie Connors kayoed Jackie Silver, 2, and Denny Goslow, 2.

Larry Baker kayoed Buddy Jackson, 1. Johnny Lissy stopped George Chimenti, 4. Billy Lepido beat Wes Lowery, 6. Ernest Buford bested Cyril Kelly, 8.

Tony Armenteros stopped Angel Cutino, 9. Willard Nelson kayoed Ray Strong, 2. Benny Meeks whipped Jimmy Ford, 6. Arnold DiMarzio drew with Sonny Luciano, 6. Pat Demers won over Joe Walcott, 6.

Earl Hilton bested Dave LeCompte, 5, and Tommy Marciano, 6. Tony DiBiase whipped Joe Lissy, 6. Jimmy McCoy decisioned Benny Walker, 6. Bill Miller kayoed Chico Morales, 3.

Elmo Ellis whipped Dave Wagoner, 6, Dave drew with Sammy LaCrosse, 6. Lester Brown stopped Johnny Hopkins, 3. Al Barbero whipped Benny Diles, 6. Cisco Holly stopped Babe McCarron, 6, but lost to Rusty Davis, 6.

Kenny Willis won from Billy Beals, 6. Tommy Berg whipped Buzzie Brown, 6. Bobby Dalton bested Tony Bell, 6.

Tony Bell halted Iggy Vaccari, 6. Al Villegas outpointed Tuzo Jimenez, 10. Gordon Van Loo defeated Al Barrazza, 6.

Don Vincent defeated Pat Cody, 6. Sauveur Chiocca polished off Percy Kelly, 5. Nolan Duplessis whipped Vince Bonomo, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World champion Wallace (Bud) Smith was stopped by welterweight Tony DeMarco, 9 (non-title).

Mexican champ Baby Vasquez bested Baby Ortiz, 10, and lost to Carmelo Costa, 10.

Ralph Dupas outpointed Hoacine Khalfi, 10; Khalfi also lost to Ludwig Lightburn, 10. Kenny Lane decisioned Isaac Vaughn, 10. Henry Davis decisioned Art Ramponi, 10.

Emilio Sanchez decisioned Kid Banga, 15. Jimmy Soo decisioned Earl Hilton, 8. Johnny Busso whipped Frankie Ippolito, 8.

Jimmy Carter outpointed Phil Burton, 10. Joey Lopes decisioned Jorge Macias, 10, and stopped Reuben Smith, 6. Eddie Chavez stopped Billy Frazier, 5. Orlando Zulueta drew with featherweight Fred Galiana, 10.

Australian Champion Colin Clarke had comparatively easy time repeating decision over Sergio Milan, 12. Bobby Bickle kayoed Leo Carter, 3.

Georgie Monroe was stopped by featherweight champ Sandy Saddler, 3. Leonard Gaines defeated Boland Abrams, 10. Jackie Blair outpointed George Easterling, 10, and kayoed Johnny Sheridan, 1. Tobe Penaloza kayoed Jose Paredes, 4, and Jose Arguelles, 7.

Charlie Cummings stopped Gale Kerwin, 2. Georgie Sullivan and Vinnie Hines drew, 6. Billy Beals stopped Mike Mitchell, 3.

Rocky Randell outscored Andy Arel, 10. Beto Carvajal defeated Manuel Rivera, 10. Leo Alonzo won from Omsap Laemfapha, 12. Steve Ward whipped Pat Mallane, 8.

Jimmy Soo kayoed Frankie Madison, 3. Aldo Mente stopped Solis Scott, 9. Julian Velasquez decisioned Billy Frazier, 10.

Ray Riojas kayoed Rudy Gonzales, 2, and Leo Carter, 3. Carlos Ortiz decisioned Ray Portilla, 8. George Bracken stopped Tony Fisher, 11. Alex Vargas kayoed Young Junior, 2.

Jackie Hayden bested Eddie Antonetti, 6. Willie Stevenson bested Merrill Olmstead, 6, and Al Duarte, 6. Yuyin Trejo and Gilbert Mullens drew, 10. Bobby McHugh kayoed Don Southern, 5. Enrique Ortiz drew with Billy Evans, 10, and lost to Reyes Lopez, 10.

Stan Perez defeated Jimmy Wilker, 6, and Tommy Flores, 6. Manuel Ravell drew with Johnny Flores, 10. Chico Arroyo stopped Georgie Sullivan, 4. Jimmy Grow kayoed Sammy Dolan, 4.

Willie Stevenson stopped Manuel Martin, 1. Sammy LaCrosse whipped Davey Lee, 6. Artie Lupo beat Teddy Davies, 6. Rudy Mendoza beat Jesse Jones, 6.

Johnny Gorman whipped Frederico Escolaro, 6. Young Kid Chocolate defeated Jimmy Sanders, 8. Terry Martinez stopped Ray Mancilla, 4, Ray also was halted by Baby Lizarraga, 8. Rafael Lastre beat Tomas Castillo, 10, and drew with Armando Baragano, 10. Roberto Ramirez kayoed Pedro Pina, 7, but lost to Fidel Lucern, 10.

Orlando Gonzalez defeated Bomon Oriental, 10. Davey Lee drew with Sammy LaCrosse, 6, and lost to Bill Walker, 6. Collier Cox whipped Bobby Satchell, 10. Felix Garcia kayoed Marino Gonzales, 5. Paulino Montes kayoed Papelero Sanchez, 2.

Leon Brooks outpointed Frank Grimes, 6. Juanito Martinez kayoed Felix Medina, 4. Frankie Salas defeated Sherman Liggins, 10. Johnny Miller drew with Johnny Butterworth, 8, and Guy Gracia, 10.

Carmen Ibabbocci drew with Bobby Barn, 6. Jerry Carter defeated Gene Tortorice, 6. Alvardo Gutierrez stopped Carlos Barragan, 9. Jetro Cason stopped Tommy Martin, 3. Ray Greco defeated Benny Artist, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World champion Sandy Saddler halted Georgie Monroe, 3 (non-title).

Carmelo Costa edged out lightweight Baby Vasquez, 10.

Martin Rodriguez outscored Pedro Tessis, 10.

After stopping Jimmy Black, 7, European Champion Fred Galiana was held to draw by lightweight Orlando Zulueta, 10.

Victor Manuel Quijano outscored Julio Escobedo, 10.

Ray Famechon stopped Aldo Pravisani, 5. Miguel Berriors outslugged Bobby Bell, 10. Joe Boland whipped Kid Campeche, 10. Baby Gonzalez defeated Cesar Saavedra, 10, but lost to Humberto Carrillo, 10. Dom Sacco decisioned Johnny O'Brien, 10. Rocky Briones kayoed Baby Dundee, 2.

Roy Hernandez scored over Bombom Kiriz, 10. Felipe Sosa bested Martin Vasquez, 10. Larry Vasquez stopped Cleo Lane, 10. Billy Evans sprung an upset by kayoing Tommy Bain, 4, and drew with Enrique Ortiz, 10.

Dave Walden outpointed Al Tisi, 10, and kayoed Johnny Sheridan, 1. Ruben Salazar scored over Ruben Smith, 10. Bobby Rodgers stoped Auburn Copeland, 6. Vince Delgado stopped Nunu Randle, 2.

Willie Pep decisioned Kid Campeche, 10. Harold Gomes outscored Johnny O'Brien, 12. Santiago Martinez defeated Andy Arel, 10. Paul Jorgensen halted Joe Govea, 5. Robert Cofer beat Pete Kawala, 6. Johnny Ace Hand defeated Jimmy Calcutt, 10. Eddie Henderson beat Johnny Jannic, 5.

Baby Palanca won over Enrique Fernandez, 8. Jose Cotero lost to bantamweight Manuel Armenteros, 10. Kev Noonan outpointed Herb Pittman, 12. Pittman came back to outscore Barry Molloy, 12. Genaro Serafin won on a disqualification over Luis Contreras, 7. Rudy Ortega drew with Speedy Davidson, 8, then bested him in 8.

Charlie Cooper edged out Johnny Juliano, 6. Young Regan stopped by bantamweight Johnny Jarrett, 4. Manolo Garcia outfought Gil Suarez, 8, and decisioned Georges Devos, 10. Joe Corso kayoed Antonio Rosado, 5.

Chorin Zaldivard defeated Baby Rosales, 8. Paul Armstead stopped Chato Tovar, 6. Andre Valignat thrashed Louis Poncy, 10.

Angel Garcia won from Marcelino Cartas, 6. Sammy Medina won over Black Bill, 8. Freddy Fuller bested Billy Gray, 5.

Rogelio Diaz de Leon stopped Rodolfo Ibarra, 5. Pierre Pace posted his 22nd straight win by disposing of Louis Cabo, 5. Angel Guerrero kayoed Pedro Rocha, 7, and whipped Enrique de la Cruz, 10. Tony Ganados kayoed Johnny Mortell, 4.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Mexican champ Jose Lopez retained title by kayoing Emilio de la Rosa, 12.

Billy Peacock edged out Joey Benson, 10, and kayoed Pimi Barajas, 4.

Alphonse Halimi defeated Billy Peacock, 10.

Henry (Pappy) Gault, outpointed Bobby Singleton, 10.

Little Cezar defeated Al Asuncion, 12. Australian Champion Kevin James trounced Gaetano Annaloro, 12.

Belgian Champion Jean Renard retained his title by outpointing Pierre Cossemyns, 12. Teddy Rainbow kayoed Darcy Carr, 7.

Frankie Campos kayoed Luke Sandoval, 5. Manuel Armenteros decisioned Jose Cotero, 10. Ernesto Parra kayoed Baby Ruiz, 9.

Johnny Jarrett polished off Young Regan, 4.

Afonso Hamili kayoed Pierre Gress, 2. Gress previously was outpointed by flyweight Young Martin, 10. Nacho Escalante defeated Johnny Rodriguez, 10 (twice). German Ohm kayoed Mike Cruz, 3, and won over Chao Herrera, 8. Hein van der Zee won from Rene Keikens, 8.

Rogelio Saucedo decisioned Babe Rivera, 10. Jimmy Abeyta decisioned Freddie Viscarro, 6. Beto Couary whipped Luis Castillo, 10. Castillo also lost to Americo Rivera, 10. Eli Scott won over Nick Lopez, 6.

Raul Leanos defeated Eduardo Aguilar, 10. Jorge Valverde drew with Mike Garcia, 10. Toto Ibarra and Rodolfo Ampudio fought a no contest, 5. Carlos Cardoso beat Eddie Luna, 10.

Zurdo Sanchez whipped Joe Canto, 6. Pedro Garcia defeated Kid San Martin, 10. Changuito Gonzalez kayoed Manny Lison, 1. Luis Gutierrez won over Tony Torres, 10. Franco Zagami upset Cosimo Pezzuto, 8.

Maurice Treadway defeated Jack Overland, 6.

Frisco Concepcion and Andy Valdes drew, 8. Kid Lawin kayoed Johnny Romero, 2.

FLYWEIGHTS

European Champion Young Martin survived first-round knockdown to outpoint bantamweight Pierre Gress, 10.

Mexican champion Memo Diez kayoed

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CALLING THE RIOT SQUAD

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sions regarded as unfavorable to the touring Cuban veteran, Orlando Zulueta, failed to meet with the unanimous approval of Italian fans in Milan. The first decision, fortunately, prompted nothing much worse than noisy protests and a few broken chairs, but the second provoked a near-riot.

Zulueta's first showing was against Dulio Loi, the European lightweight champion, and a red-hot idol with the Milan populace. Despite Loi's tremendous popularity, the decision in his favor was not entirely acceptable to the onlookers, and the boos and catcalls were almost as conspicuous as the cheers.

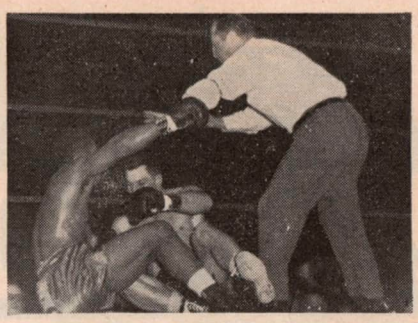
Zulueta made such a fine impression on the Milanese he was persuaded to remain for a bout with Fred Galiana, the Spanish holder of the European featherweight title.

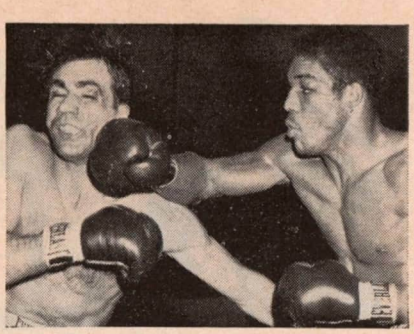
This time the decision, a draw, precipitated a real rumpus. Most of the fans seemed to think Zulueta had won and they showered the ring with cushions and fruit. Fist fights broke out all over the arena but before things got too far out of hand the police intervened.

Acrimonous developments have been fairly common in Italy. We recall one some years ago when the Puerto Rican lightweight, Pedro Montanez, then campaigning in Europe, dropped into Milan for a date with Carlo Orlandi.

Orlandi had been an Olympic champion and was now the reigning sensation in Italy. Montanez tossed a stunning shock into Carlo's rabid compatriots by knocking him out with a savage left hook to the body. It was a clean punch, but the excitable Latins, yelling "foul," began converging on the ring, frantically waving their arms and screaming all sorts of dire threats. The referee hastily decided to give Orlandi a fifteen-minute rest and have the fight continue. That pacified the crowd but didn't help Orlandi. Montanez flattened him again, this time with a right to the chin.

A FEW years ago, on a barnstorming jaunt through Europe, world middleweight champion Ray Robinson figured in an exciting few minutes in Berlin. His oponent was Gerhard Hecht, a light-heavyweight. In the second round Sugar Ray floored Hecht with what the referee called an illegal kidney punch. As Hecht grovelled on the canvas, holding his gloves to his back, Robinson was disqualified. (The verdict later was changed to "no decision.") Incensed German fans stormed toward the ring, heaving bottles, cushions and everything else they could lay their hands on. Only the quick action of the police probably saved Robinson and his retinue from bodily harm.





Rory Calhoun (left) has his ups and downs fighting Andre Tessier and Angelo De Fendis (photo at right). Calhoun stopped Tessier in five, De Fendis in four.

As world bantamweight champion, the late Al Brown found himself in the midst of a wild squabble the night he defended his title against Kid Francis in Marseilles, France.

Instead of the usual European custom of having just the referee award the verdict, it was decided for this bout to adopt the prevailing American system of using two judges and the referee. Two of the officials selected were an Italian referee and a French judge. The other judge was an American, Dr. V. J. Sparks, a prominent dentist living in Paris, and commander of the American Legion in France.

As the fifteenth round ended, hoodlums swooped down on the two judges, grabbed their scorecards and tore them up. Both had voted for Brown. The referee favored Francis, but avoided trouble by calling the bout "no contest." Had the majority decision for Brown been announced, there is no saying what would have happened. As it was, Doc Sparks suffered a brutal pummelling by the hooligans, and it required a detachment of police to get Brown, his handlers and the foreign newspapermen out of the arena without serious injury.

Mexico City has been the scene of several riotous incidents. One of the worst was when a Dynamite Joe Keyes refused to continue after the fourth round of a bout with Kid Azteca. Although Azteca, a local favorite, was declared winner, the fans were dissatisfied with the way the fight ended, and they proceeded to wreck the arena. They ruined more than four hundred seats, tore down the announcing system, demolished the ventilating apparatus and on their way out ripped loose ten doors and tossed them into the street.

EVEN staid, blase New York has known its share of boisterous uprisings by disgruntled fight fans. For one, there was the mess than developed in and around the ring in Madison Square Garden the night Al (Bummy) Davis was disqualified in the second round of that unholy mess with Fritzie Zivic.

Probably the most historic free-for-all in New York ring history was the one turned loose at the old Star Casino the night Benny Leonard whipped Frankie Conifrey.

It was the year before Leonard became world lightweight champion. Neighborhood feuds were common in those days, and the one between Leonard and Conifrey was particularly keen, since both rated among the nation's top 135-pounders. Benny and Frankie were out of rival Harlem districts, and enjoyed tremendous followings in their respective Jewish and Irish colonies.

Leonard handed Conifrey a thorough lacing, and had him down when the bell ended the fifth. Still groggy when the sixth started, Frankie was being battered into collapse when one of his brothers hopped into the ring, automatically ending the bout.

Then came the deluge. Conifrey's cohorts in the gallery unloosed the bitterness of disappointment by tossing chairs and bottles. Fist fights broke out all over the main floor. Reporters and fans in and near the working press section scrambled under the ring for protection. Into the ring piled a mob of embattled citizens. Everybody was slugging everybody else when a police riot squad finally restored order.

BOXING, indeed, had produced, and is still producing, its share of hysterical uprisings by emotionally disjointed spectators. But it isn't the only major sport that seems to rouse the ire of the populace when things don't go according to hopes and expectations. Boxing's record in international competition is hardly any worse than soccer football's. The Americans' own national pastime, baseball, has contributed to its history many an unpleasant chapter on mob violence. And let us not forget the greatest sports convention of all, the Olympic Games, which seldom fails to produce stormy controversies and bitter recriminations.

Athletics are supposed to be the finest promoter of good fellowship and international amity yet devised by man, but human nature still is human nature and no genius has yet uncovered a way to control it.

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

EVEN among the surviving old-timers in the trade, you seldom hear the name Harry Lewis mentioned these days, but the New York-born Philadelphian, who died recently at the age of 69, was one of the finest mechanics the ring produced in an era of outstanding mechanics.

Lewis began fighting as a featherweight in 1904, ended his career as a middleweight in 1913, and at one stretch held a strong claim to the then disputed world welterweight title.

When only 19, and in his second year in the ring, Lewis was fighting the likes of Aurelio Herrera, Tommy Lowe, Young Donahue, Unk Russell and Maurice Sayers; before he was 21 he had added such illustrious names as Joe Gans, Mike (Twin) Sullivan, Jimmy Gardner and Jack Blackburn to the list. He was not yet 22 when he hit the top of the welterweight heap by knocking out Honey Mellody in Boston, and succeeding to Mellody's title claim.

A Jewish lad, born Henry Besterman, he adopted the nom de ring "Lewis" in his first fight. Appearing in a preliminary bout in Chester, Pa., Harry feared parental wrath if the family heard about it, and the name Lewis was "borrowed" from a local manager who had arranged the bout for him.

Instead of becoming angry when he heard the news, Harry's dad, Jake, saw visions of easy money in the fight business and encouraged the youngster to continue. Papa Besterman, however, turned out to be more of a nuisance than a blessing to his son. At least a half-dozen of Harry's early managers had to call it quits because of Jake's constant interference, and he became known around Philadelphia as the Old Pest.

In spite of his father, bushy-haired Harry moved steadily along the fistic trail. A vicious puncher, he studded his record with an impressive string of knockouts. Besides Mellody, victims of his hitting power included Frank Mantell, Dave Deschler, Willie Fitzgerald, Rube Smith, Dan Sullivan, Larry Conley, Dick Nelson, Billy Glover and Dixie Kid.

THE LEWIS vs. LEWIS RIVALRY.

It was in 1910 that Lewis, still claiming the welterweight laurels, made his first jaunt across the Atlantic. Boxing, then in its infancy there, was enjoying a tremendous boom in France, and American fighters were the big attractions in Paris.

It was an odd twist to Harry's career that one of his most troublesome rivals was another Lewis—this one an Irishman, Willie, out of New York's boisterous Gashouse District. They met twice on even terms in American rings, first in a six-round no-decision affair in New York, then in a 12-round draw in New Haven.

They continued their argument in Paris, but again were unable to settle their differences. Two 25-round battles ended in draws.

Willie, on an earlier trip to Paris, had taken on and knocked out three opponents in one night. Harry felt that anything Willie could do, he could do just as well. He decided to try the same stunt. He had no difficulty with his first two opponents, a pair of Englishmen, Bert Roper of Plymouth and Bob Davis of Newcastle. He needed only one round to dispose of Roper, while two sessions were sufficient for Davis.

The third opponent was an American Negro, Bob Scanlon, a member of heavyweight Sam McVey's entourage. It developed into a shambles. After sampling a few of Lewis' left hooks, Scanlon was convinced he didn't have much of a chance against Harry in a legitimate fight, so he proceeded to make a roughhouse brawl of it. The thing went a round and a half. After wrestling Lewis to the canvas for the third time, Scanlon knelt on him, jabbed his thumbs into Harry's throat and tried to strangle him. Al Lippe, Lewis' manager, hopped into the ring and belted Scanlon over the head with a bottle. McVey, working in Scanlon's corner, got into the scramble and punched Lippe. The crowd was in an uproar, and the police were needed to quell the riot. The decision went as a victory for Lewis on Scanlon's disqualification.

LOST TITLE CLAIM TO LEO HOUCK.

It was in 1911, in his second visit to Paris, that Lewis lost his claim to the welterweight title—and to another troublesome American rival, Leo Houck.

The previous year, after returning from Europe, Lewis had dropped a 12-round decision to Houck in Boston, but the bout had not been advertised for the title. This time, in Paris, they met over the 20-round distance, with the championship at stake, and Houck again edged his way to the verdict.

Later that year Lewis was outpointed in a 20-rounder by an up-and-coming French youngster named Georges Carpentier.

In all, Lewis made three trips to Europe, and fought almost as often in England as he did in France. Among his better performances on the tight little isle were knockouts of Young Joseph, Seaman Hull, Johnny Summers and the American veteran, Dixie Kid.

It became obvious in 1912 that Lewis was on the decline. In actual years, Harry was still a comparative youngster, only 26, but he'd never been too strong or rugged physically, and the wear and tear of nearly 200 battles were beginning to show.

It was in October, 1913, at the old Olympia A. C. in Philadelphia, that Lewis reached the end of the fistic trail. Only a vague memory of his former brilliant self, Harry was given a bad lacing by Joe Borrell. Dropped twice in the fourth and saved by the bell, he was in such pitiful condition when the fifth started that Referee Pop O'Brien refused to let the affair continue.

It was the only time Lewis had been knocked out. After the bout, Harry collapsed and was rushed to the Pennsylvania Hospital. His trouble was diagnosed as a clot on the brain, and for several days he was in critical condition. He recovered but for years was affilicted with partial paralysis.

FIVE YEARS TOO LATE.

Strange things do happen in this industry. In 1951, when Ray Robinson relinquished the welterweight title after acquiring the middleweight laurels, the scramble for the vacated top spot into the 147-pound division developed into a two-cornered dispute between Kid Gavilan, winner of the American eliminations, and Charley Humez, the European champion. The showdown failed to materialize. Gavilan refused to go to Paris, and Humez wasn't invited to New York. Eventually, the Frenchman outgrew the welterweight class, and Gavilan was recognized as world champion. . . . Now, five years later, Humez is fighting in New York and Gavilan, no longer champion, is fighting in Paris.

Although his appointment had until next January 1 to run, Robert the Marquis of Christenberry has resigned from the New York State Athletic Commission, and for the first time in twenty years the three-man board has an All-Democratic flavor. Replacing Christenberry is Jim Farley, Jr., while the third spot, idle since Leon Swears stepped out last October, has been filled by the appointment of Francis J. Souhan, up-state politician and former mayor of Seneca Falls.

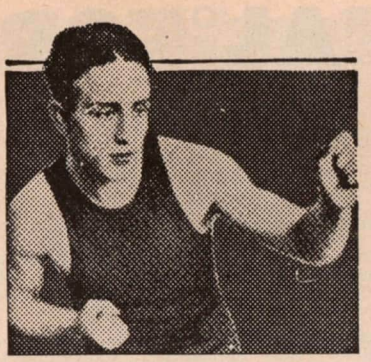
A recent visitor to The Ring offices was Georgie Araujo, Providence lightweight, now a member of Uncle Sam's military forces. Georgie had just finished basic training at Fort Dix, and was on a brief leave before reporting to Fort Bragg, N. C. Army chow apparently agreed with the Rhode Islander. He looked as though he'd blown up into a middleweight.

Bobby North, who seems to be specializing in Latin-American talent, is howling the praises of his most recent importation, featherweight Rudolfo Francis of Panama. In Francis' record is a 10-round decision, registered in Maracaibo last year, over the world-rated Venezuelan, Victor (Sonny) Leon.

A CONFUSING SITUATION.

The passing of "California Jackie" Wilson in Cleveland recently recalled the confusion that prevailed during the late '30s and early '40s when two highly-rated Jackie Wilsons were contemporaneous, and it was often difficult to distinguish one from the other in news dispatches. In an effort to ease the confusion and simplify identification, one was dubbed "Pittsburgh Jackie" and the other "Cleveland Jackie," but the situation became muddled again when "Cleveland Jackie" moved to the Pacific Coast and was re-tagged "California Jackie."

The "Cleveland-California Jackie" was only 38 when he died in a Cleveland hospital, after an illness of five months. His had been a busy career



Harry Lewis, one-time great welterweight, who died recently in Philadelphia at the age of 69.

in the ring. Born in Spencer, N. C., but reared in Cleveland, Jackie was 17 and weighing only 100 pounds when he began boxing as an amateur. Success was instantaneous. Within a year, and growing into a bantam, he became the National A.A.U. champion and a member of the American Olympic team that went to Berlin in 1936. Jackie reached the final round in his class and suffered the only defeat of his 51-bout amateur career when he lost a disputed decision to Ulderico Sergio of Italy.

Turning pro shortly after his return home, Jackie shifted his base of operations to California, and for the next five years did all his fighting in and around Los Angeles. A tall, rangy kid, standing 5 feet, 11 inches, he packed on poundage steadily until, in 1941, he was a full-fledged welterweight and a rated contender for the world title.

Wilson returned to Cleveland late in 1941, and from then on his ring activities were scattered all over the nation. When he finally quit in 1949, his record embraced nearly 100 professional fights, of which he had won about 75, more than half by knockouts. He never quite reached the championship heights, but was good enough to step along with Jake LaMotta and Ray Robinson. His outstanding achievements were knockouts of Pete Lello, Baby Arizmendi, Kid Azteca, Richie Fontaine, Mike Kaplan and Tommy Bell, and decisions over Tony Chavez, Larry Cisneros, Ceferino Garcia and Fritzie Zivic.

THE month's results:

A sure cure for insomnia was produced by Isaac Logart, 146, Cuba, and Ramon Fuentes, 147, Los Angeles, in a drab, futile ten in Madison Square Garden. The decision, of the split variety, went to Logart, probably on the premise that he was the lesser of two evils. Referee Ruby Goldstein constantly pleaded with the principals for a little action, and they responded by giving as little as possible. Logart was wrestled to the canvas in the third and retaliated by opening a cut above Fuente's right eye in the fourth. Otherwise, there wasn't much of anything worth reporting. The semi-final, cut from eight to six because of TV time, uncovered the action missing in the main event. In a free-punching slamfest, Gaspar Ortego, 151¼, Mexico, edged out Tex Gonzales, 154½, East Orange, N. J., to take a 2-1 lead in their series to date. A scheduled six was halted in the fourth and called "no contest" when Referee Al Lind decided Rudy Gwin, 146, Cleveland, and Raybon Stubbs, 146½, Pittsburgh, were not doing the best they could. Mickey Spataro, 135½, Bronx, was too big and strong for Al Tisi, 129½, East Side, in six. In other prelims, Fred McArthur, 149¼, Brooklyn, whipped Benny Washington, 147½, Harlem, in four, and Tony DiBiase, 149½, Bronx, stopped Benny Hernandez, 148, Brooklyn, at 2:07 of the second.

▶ Getting himself penalized two rounds—the fifth for holding and the ninth for hitting after the bell—cost Ray Drake, 159¼, Far Rockaway, a decision over Hardy (Bazooka) Smallwood, 158½, Brooklyn, in a scrambling ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Drake had to settle for a draw in a bout he should have won easily. The better boxer and sharper puncher, Ray spoiled his chances by too much clutching and unnecessary roughing. When he did elect to fight, he stung Smallwood with left hooks and right counters, but his flurries were too infrequent. The less talented but more determined Smallwood forced the action most of the way, but could make little progress against Drake's spoiling tactics. Hardy's best scoring was with sweeping lefts to the body. Joe Davis, 146½, Brooklyn, decisioned Billy Lepido, 150, Bronx, in the semi-final, shortened from six rounds to four because of TV time. The Lissy brothers of Yorkville won and drew in preliminary fours. Johnny, 147½, stopped a neighborhood rival, George Chimenti, 152¼, at 2:37 of the fourth, and Joe, 152¼, divided laurels with Otis Woodward, 152, Harlem. In other fours, Chico Velez, 133½, East Side, won from Bobby Jackson, 129½, Brooklyn, and Dick Lowery, 158½, College Point, stopped Gerald Frazer, 154½, Halifax, N. S., at 1:33 of the third.

▶ On what seemed to be a hasty decision by Referee Abe Simon, Ernie Cab, 199, Brooklyn, was credited with a knockout over the veteran Sid Peaks, 216, now of St. Albans, with only 25 seconds to go in their scheduled return eight at Sunnyside Garden. In the previous meeting, two weeks before, Peaks survived two first-round knockdowns to punch his way to a clean-cut decision. This time Sid wasn't off his feet at any time, and was winning handily going into the last half-minute of the bout. Then he ran smack-dab into a lusty right to the chin. The punch stunned the transplanted Indianan, and his legs buckled under him. Simon didn't give him a chance to recover. Big Abe stepped in and called a halt, precipitating a noisy outburst of boos and catcalls from the assembled witnesses, who felt the referee was too hasty in his action. Lou Perry, 169, Brooklyn, edged out a split decision over Irwin Schultz, 168, Yorkville, in the co-featured eight. The Henderson brothers of Jersey City posted a two-for-two score in preliminaries. Eddie, 175, whipped a fellow-Jerseyan, Cy Anderson, 175, Newark, in four, and Wally, 153, stopped Fred McArthur, 156, Brooklyn, at 2:24 of the second. In other fours, Joey Donovan, 129, Astoria, won from George Stepney, 129, Long Island City, and Bobby Gomez, 162, Brooklyn, decisioned a borough rival, Tony Danto, 165½. The non-TV card drew an estimated 900 customers and a gross gate of $1,400.

▶ For sustained action, few battles staged in Madison Square Garden in recent years rated better than the third get-together of Gene Fullmer, 157¾, West Jordan, Utah, and Gil Turner, 151½, Philadelphia. At the finish of their furious ten only one point separated them on the scorecards of the three officials. Referee Petey Della voted for Fullmer, Judge Harold Barnes for Turner, and Judge Leo Birnbaum came up with the deciding vote when, after calling the fight even in rounds, he gave Fullmer a 6-5 edge in points. It was a gruelling, non-stop brawl all the way between two of the most aggressive middleweights in the business, and it was anybody's fight down to the final gong. Both rivals were in superb condition, and they had to be to survive the blistering pace and rugged slugging. The decision gave the heavier Fullmer a 2-1 lead in the series, but his margin was so slim another bout shaped up as inevitable. In the semi-final eight, unbeaten Carlos Ortiz, 139, Bronx, repeated a decision taken from Ray Portilla, 140¼, Mexico, in a main event at St. Nick's a month before. Howie Turner, 206½, Brooklyn, drew with Ike Thomas, 202, Harlem, in six. In his second start since coming out of the Army, Phil Saxton, 166, Elizabeth, N. J., turned in a quick, workman-like job on Jimmy Washington, 162½, Philadelphia. It was two knockdowns and out for Washington at 1:14 of the first. In fours, Harry Bell, 135, Long Island City, outpointed Bobby Jackson, 130, Brooklyn, and Bill Flamio, 141, Bronx, stopped Carl Calabro, 139¼, Brooklyn, at 2:51 of the third.

▶ Running his string of professional wins to eighteen, unbeaten Herman (Rory) Calhoun, 161¾, White Plains, pummelled Angelo DeFendis, 165¼, Brooklyn, into collapse in five lively rounds at St. Nicholas Arena. It

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

PUSHING back the date of the Sugar Ray Robinson-Bobo Olson title fight, slated for Wrigley Field, L. A., from April 20th to May 20th seems a smart move. T'will be warmer, less danger of rain, and give the gents more time to sell ducats.

Meanwhile, Art Rosenbaum of the San Francisco Chronicle writes that Bobo looks and boxes more his old self. My only comment—he'd BETTER look and box more like his old self, for his showing in his last three fights—Robinson, Archie Moore and Joey Giambra—was nothing to set the river afire.

Rosenbaum paints a word picture of a dual-personality hombre; he says: "Bobo is shy yet talkative; unostentatious yet mad for big cars with flashy paint jobs; lonesome yet gregarious. Once a fellow of no (count 'em) words, Bobo now spills a mouthful. Once an old dirty-shirt wearer, Bobo now sports fancy jackets, suede shoes and can't resist the purchase of Cads, Imperials or Continentals. Once a stay-away, Bobo now likes to drift into places where people gather."

End of quote. Art goes on to say that more than anything, Bobo wants to drive a 12-cylinder car with the words "Champ" again woven into the upholstery.

Our local sports editors evidently do not see eye-to-eye on Sugar Ray Robinson, born Walker Smith.

Paul Zimmerman, of the L. A. TIMES, a colonel in the army during WW2, devotes a column to Sugar Ray's rather undistinguished military career, and gently chides the Hollywood Legion Post No. 43, which is co-promoting the I.B.C., for not knowing about said career.

▶Billy Peacock, 119, Los Angeles, scored a 4th round TKO over Pimi Barajas, Tijuana, Mexico, 119¾, at the Olympic Auditorium. Though the fight was televised, it attracted a crowd of 4,130, and gate receipts of $6,392.

By the kayo win, Peacock made up for his recent lack-luster showing against Joey Benson. He won that scrap, but it was a split decision—a much better showing was expected from the No. 2 contender for world 118-lb. title honors.

Barajas was dropped five times before Referee Lee Grossman halted the "struggle" in the 4th.

The four-rounders: Norbert Galindo, 128, decisioned Al Wilcher, 124½; Rudy Lara, 133, decisioned Johnny Hobbs, 134, and Dargin McWhorter, 137, decisioned Joe Chavez, 140.

Neal Rivers, 158, Las Vegas boy who now calls himself a Californian, scored a split 12-round decision over Charley Green, 160, Los Angeles, and thereby became a prominent nominee for the vacant state middleweight title.

The scrap had been billed as a middleweight elimination. A crowd estimated at 3,000 paid a gross of about $4,200 to see the excitement, but there wasn't too much of that.

Referee Abe Roth voted 70-62, Judge Jack McDonald, 67-65, both for Rivers. Judge John Thomas dissented; his ballot was 68-64 for Green.

Jerry Carter, 139, Pacoima, scored knockdowns in both the first and second heats of his six-rounder with Gene Tortorice, 139, Niagara Falls, went on to win the unanimous decision in a scorcher. The fours: Jesse Jones, 141, TKO (2) over Don Wallace, 137½. Art Lopez, 139, decisioned Lloyd Fowler, 138; and Tommy Carlin, 131, decisioned Jimmy Lassiter, 130.

▶Vince Delgado, 127, nephew of the veteran Carlos Chavez, fattened his prestige at Hollywood Legion Stadium by scoring a 2-round TKO over Nu Nu Randle, Richmond, 130½. It was Vince's 13th fight, and he's still undefeated.

Just one draw mars Delgado's record—earlier in his career he was held to a tie by Billy Evans, the Pasadena gardener—and, incidentally, the boy who blasted the bubble of Irish Tommy Bains recently at Hollywood. As a 6-1 short-ender, Evans stopped the highly-rated Rochester Irishman in the 4th.

Chunky Vince lost no time; he dropped Randle twice in the first round. Delgado scored a third knockdown soon after the second heat, and finally sent him to the showers in that same heat with a left hook.

The semi-final was also a violent and exciting scrap—and it didn't go the 6-round distance. Johnny Hayden, 175½, Phoenix, Arizona, scored a 4th round TKO over Tiger McHenry, 173, and apparently ended that young man's career forever.

The fours: Billy Blevins, 142, decisioned Joe Chavez, 141; Cal Houston, 165, drew with Connie Citizen, 160; and Baby Antunez, 131, KO (1) over Jeff Palma, 129½.

▶Another old friend takes the Full Count: William (Bill) Smith, who was connected with the State Athletic Commission office here for more than 22 years, died at his home in Los Angeles after a heart attack. He was 70.

Before joining the Commission, Smith was a sports writer, and his career dates back to 1905, when he worked on the old Brooklyn Eagle. Later, he worked on the New York Herald, and in 1915 came to Los Angeles, where he covered boxing for the local Herald, also the Express.

May he rest in peace!

▶Johnny Summerlin, 194½, Detroit, kept his West Coast record immaculate and intact by scoring a thrilling 10-round win over Young Jack Johnson, 210½, state heavyweight champion, at the Olympic Auditorium. A crowd of over 4,000 paid a gross of $6,100 to see the non-televised fracas.

In three previous fights here, all at the Olympia Auditorium, Summerlin has knocked out Charley Powell and Zora Folley, and scored a split decision over Young Jack Johnson. But there was nothing "split" about the verdict this time—it was all Summerlin.

Referee Abe Roth scored it 57-53; Judge John Thomas, 56-54; and Judge George Latka, 59½-50½, all for the Detroiter.

Gents of the press were effusive in their praise of Summerlin after the fight.

Getting back to the fight: it was terrific—a hard-fought, fierce-punching, savage brawl. Action all the way.

In the TV ten, Reuben Salazar, Frankie Muche's fast-rising feather, racked up his 10th straight win at the expense of Reuben Smith. Salazar, 132; Smith, 128. In his last fight, Salazar defeated Lauro Salas in a sharp upset.

The fours: Joey Dorando, 149½, notched his ninth straight win by whipping Del Moore, 151, a unanimous verdict. Larry Maldonado, 157½, defeated Russ Gillam, 158; and Nick Turner, 173½, decisioned Monroe Ratcliff, 173½.

▶Archie Moore, 196, required only ten punches, more or less, to erase Bob Dunlap, 200, Oakland, in what was scheduled as a ten-rounder at the San Diego Arena. The time, 1:56, round 1. Last time they met, in 1952, Dunlap was able to go clear into the 6th.

▶Admirers of Eddie Machen, young heavyweight prospect, are breathing more easily after seeing him come through unscathed after a spirited ten rounder with Julio Mederos of Cuba. Most of them are withholding full rave notices, because last year they saw capable fighters like Charley Powell, Zora Folley and Jimmy Byrne blasted to the sidelines after much ballyhooing.

Both Machen and San Francisco Garden, a new Bay City arena, make their national television bow at the same time. Despite local TV, Promoter Benny Ford counted a gross of $5,757.

In another scheduled ten rounder, Frankie Campos, 121, racked up a fifth round knockout over Luke Sandoval, 123.

Jimmy Abeyta, 116, and Freddie Viscaro, 119, went six brisk rounds, with Abeyta taking a split decision.

In another six, Stan Perez grabbed the verdict from Tommy Flores, 139.

A large portion of the proceeds of the show were turned over to the Hanna Center for Boys.

▶Cleo Lane, 131, Oakland, almost went the route against Larry Vasquez, 130, of San Francisco, in an afternoon holiday program at Richmond Auditorium. This despite seven knockdowns administered by Vasquez. But in the tenth Referee Vern Bybee intervened and raised Vasquez' hand.

Lane hit the canvas in each of the first three rounds and in the tenth session he put Lane down three more times. After 2:31 of the round, Cleo was stretched flat in front of the press row. It was then the referee halted proceedings.

In the six round semi, Kenny Willis, 145, Richmond, outpointed Bill Beals, 146, Oakland.

Promoter Johnny Munro's box office staff totalled 1,725 customers paying $2,845 gross.

In the fours: Allen Loretz, 158, TKO'd Lou Souza, 158, in 4; Mutt Goodwin, 150, drew with Douglas Garrett, 152; Reuben Herona, 150, dec. Freddie Sanchez, 145.

▶Fast punching Joey Lopes loses occasionally in other cities, but in Sacramento he usually piles up more than enough points to keep any foe from shouting "home-town decision." This was the case when Joey opposed Jorge Macias of San Jose in the ten-round finale at Sacramento's Auditorium. Most observers thought Lopes took seven of the ten rounds.

Though he stood up well under a constant battering, Macias suffered a cut over his right eye in the third and over his left eye in the seventh.

Lopes lost some valuable points and the contest was halted for three minutes in the eighth when Macias fell to the floor from a low blow. Weights: Lopes, 136; Macias, 139.

The gross gate of $6,211 again attested to Lopes' drawing power, rated the best in Northern California. Jackie King promoted the show.

There were two six rounders. Davey Lee, Stockton, 135, and Sammy LaCrosse, Modesto, 139, battled to a draw. Tiger Jackson, Reno, 155, decisioned Charles Courtney, Oakland, 153.

Prelim fours: Bob Scrivens, 184, dec. Babe Hunt, 180; Don Webb, 147, TKO'd Gene LaForte, 146, in 4.

▶Giancarlo Garbelli, 149, of Milan, Italy, gave San Francisco fans an unusual display of courage when he fought for six rounds with his sight impaired by an eye cut. Despite this handicap, Garbelli outboxed Dave Johnson, 147, in the ten round main event at Winterland arena.

Point score of Referee Jack Silver was 57-53 for Garbelli. Garbelli suffered the eye cut in the first round and by the fourth he could only see out of only one optic. He gave his San Francisco opponent a steady body battering, and protected his point lead with a whirlwind finish.

Baby Ortiz, 140, Mountain View, was doing fairly well in the scheduled six round semi-final, until the middle of the third session. Billy Brown, 142, Oakland, dropped Ortiz twice in that round to win by a TKO.

In the fours: Vinney Hines, 140, dec. Rocky Valentine, 147; Chuck Howell, 173, outpointed John Carroll, 175; Hurricane Sims, 171, TKO'd Ed Brooks, 168.

▶Reno's speedster and sharp puncher Howard King was figured to give fattish Archie Moore (197) plenty of trouble in their ten rounder at San Francisco's Winterland. But King failed to win a round, and was decked twice for nine counts by the light-heavyweight champion.

Despite King's caution and nimble legs, Moore cornered him in the first and decked him for nine. In the ninth, the Nevadan also the canvas for nine. In the seventh King took his worst battering, but remained erect after Referee Frankie Carter gave him an eight count as he was draped over the ropes. King weighed 186.

Prelim fours: Eli Scott, 122, dec. Nick Lopes, 120; Al Barbero, 152, outpointed Benny Diles, 148; Hurricane Sims, 165, dec. Bud Ragsdale, 160; Hank Casey, 165, outpointed Dick Greenberg, 172.

▶Billy Peacock, 123, scored the 10-round decision over Joey Benson, 122½, in the main event at the Olympic Auditorium, but he failed to set the river afire in the process. In fact, it was a split decision.

Referee Dynamite Jackson voted 56-54; Judge Jimmy Wilson scored it 58-52—both for Peacock. But Judge Tommy Herman saw it even-Stephen, 55-55.

This bout was not televised.

In the TV-ten, Julian Velasquez, 133, had very little trouble in annexing the verdict over youthful Billy Frazier, 133, who was making his debut as a main eventer. Some of the newspaper laddies commented that perhaps Frazier needs a mite more schoolin' in the prelims. Be that as it may, it was another win for Velasquez.

The fours: Del Moore, 152, TKO (1) over Renato Munoz, 150½, when the latter suffered a lacerated ear; Cal Houston, 164, decisioned Artie Dixon, 163½, and Charley Clark, 147½, stopped Steve Mendoza, 150, in 33 seconds, round 1.

▶Billy Evans, the fighting gardener from Pasadena, 129, busted Tommy Bain's fistic bubble at Hollywood Legion Stadium by scoring a 4th round TKO over the heavily favored Rochester Irishman. The betting gents had installed Bain at 6-1. Oy, veh!

Bain got off to a flying start; It was all Tommy the first three rounds. But in the closing moments of the 4th, Evans came up with a looping left to the jaw, and down went Tommy. He got up at nine, but was woozy. Referee Lee Grossman wisely stopped the bout.

There was another upset in the semi, billed for six: Rocky Slater, 158½, exploded with a right in the 4th and sent his opponent, Pete Gonzales, 161, through the ropes. The fight was halted seconds later, Slater the winner by TKO. The fours: Al White, 173½, TKO (1) over Jimmy Pepper, 177½; Posey Bridges, 143½, decisioned Billy Blevins, 142, and Jesse Jones, 143, decisioned Jimmy Jackson, 136½.

▶Charley Powell, San Francisco 49'er football player, failed to get off in full stride in his comeback attempt, when his match with Charley Que of Los Angeles ended in a first round technical draw. They met in the headliner (slated for ten rounds) at the Civic Auditorium in Richmond, Calif.

Powell, 215, was accidentally butted by Que, 186, in the opening round, and blood spilled from an inch-and-a half cut over his left eyelid. Examining physician Dr. Edwin Poole checked the eye and refused to let the bout continue.

Referee Jack Downey, under a California commission ruling, declared the fight a technical draw.

The show brought in $1,486 gross in the face of local television.

The sudden ending brought on a standby bout, in which Stan Perez, 137, decisioned Jimmy Walker, 134, in six rounds.

Elmo Ellis, 142, won the semi-main by outspeeding Dave Wagoner, 140, in six.

Results of fours: Mutt Goodwin, 150, drew with Rocky Valentine, 147; Hank Casey, 158, decisioned Hank Casey, 153.

▶Mickey Northrup, 139½, scored a mild upset at Hollywood Legion Stadium by stopping Johnny Hart, Phoenix, 139, in the 8th round of a scheduled ten. Northrup scored two knockdowns in the process. The Arizona boy was a pre-battle favorite at 7-5.

Northrup had been over-matched in two recent bouts: Ralph Dupas and Johnny Gonsalvez. Back in his own class, he looked good, and now is in line for bigger and better bouts.

In the six-round semi, Paul Armstead, 129, administered a lacing to Chato Tovar, 130, finally scoring a TKO in the final heat. Tovar was game, but Armstead had too much left-hook.

The fours: Teddy Rand, 117¾, TKO (1) over Joe Baca, 113; Dewitt Lewis, 152, decisioned Vince Davi, 150; and Joey Chavez, 139, decisioned Lloyd Fowler, 140½.

▶Annoyed by the popping-off of Art Aragon, who has made frequent disparging remarks about his boy, Cisco Andrade, Manager Ralph Gambino has offered to match Andrade with the Golden Gabber if Aragon will make 143.

Art entered the ring against Ramon Tiscareno at 146.

▶At the San Diego Arena, Sgt. Matt Jackson, 177, Salt Lake City, scored a 4th round TKO over Tommy Harrison, 182, Los Angeles. The show, promoted by Colonel Billy Gale, drew a crowd of less than 1,000. It was Jackson's 18th kayo in 27 pro starts, his 25th victory.

Rocky Slater, 161, Los Angeles, decisioned Russ Gillam, 158, Detroit, in the six-round semi. The fours: Harry Taylor, 168, Long Beach, decisioned Willie Joe Mack, 170, San Diego; Clarence Williams, 194, Haywood, drew with Tommy Field, 194, Chicago; and Charles Clark, 145, Los Angeles, decisioned Tony Greco, 145, Boston.

▶Art (Golden Boy) Aragon, now managed by Art (Golden Boy) Aragon—in case Aragon the fighter gets licked, he can blame it on bum management by Aragon the pilot—scored a 2-round kayo over Ramon Tiscareno at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Aragon 146; Tiscareno 148.

That Arturo has not lost his golden touch is attested to by the figgers: a crowd of 5,500 paid a gross of $20,642 to witness the one-sided scrap.

For a few seconds, in Round 2, just after the bell, Tiscareno looked very good: that was when he dropped Aragon with a right hand sock to the Golden Boy's gabby jaw. Art went down for an 8-count. He loked to his corner for instructions, then remembered that he was now his own manager as well as the fighter and scrambled to his feet.

"Get in there and fight, you bum," said Manager Aragon to Fighter Aragon.

Brisk Workout. Archie Moore, world light heavyweight champion, tuning up for his title bout with Yolande Pompey in London in June, confined his activities to California where he decisioned Howard King and kayoed Bob Dunlap.

"Who you callin' a bum, you bum?" snarled Fighter Art to Manager Art. "You're a bum, you bum!", came the reply.

Oh, well: let's just say that both were right.

That knockdown by Tiscareno thrilled the crowd. It also infuriated Aragon, for the Golden Gabber got up and proceeded to floor Tiscareno twice, the second time for the full count.

Aragon's seven-year contract with Jimmy Roche, his former pilot, expired with this fight. Henceforth he'll do his own business.

In the six-round semi, Gene Tortorice, 139, spoiled the hitherto undefeated record of Joe Abasta, 141, by a decision. The fours: Billy Blevins, 142, duked Lloyd Fowler, 138½; Al White, 172, KO (2) over Charlie Earl, 165; Tommy Carlin, 132, KO (2) over Henry Pafoya, 126; and Connie Citizen, 164, drew with Sammy Seals, 164.

▶Still on the subject of Aragon (I hope I'm not boring you, dear reader). Here are Art's opinions of other well-known Southland scrappers, as quoted by John Hall in the Mirror-News:

Cisco Andrare: "He won't fight again for six months. Too busy waving at the fans. He's a bigger ham than I am."

Billy Peacock: "How'd he get to be the fighter of the year? He beat one good man. I beat Jordan twice."

Lauro Salas: "He looked like the bum he is, against Salazar."

Joe Miceli: "My ankle still hurts. I keep it wrapped all the time."

These, you understand, are Aragon's opinions—not mine. Looks like Art should enlarge his library with a copy of Dale Carnegie's well-known book on "How to Win Friends, etc."

Well, that's enough Aragon for this issue.

▶Irish Wayne Cooke, 129, sent the fans home early from the San Diego Arena by scoring a 2-round knockout over Sandy Alvarez, 129, in the main event, scheduled for ten. It was Wayne's 13th kayo in his 16 pro wins. The show was promoted by Colonel Billy Gale.

Cooke hails from Puente; Alvarez from Calexico.

In the semi-final, slated for six, Rudy Mendoza, 141, stopped Herman Beasley, 148, in the 4th. Both are Angelenos. The four-rounders: Nick Turner, 176, Columbus, Ohio, decisioned Willie Joe Mack, 170, San Diego; Danny Perez, 159, Costa Mesa, TKO (4) over Paul Anderson, 162½, Los Angeles; and Rudy Lara, 132, East L. A., decisioned Jeff Palma, 133, Uxbridge, Mass.

▶Reuben Salazar, 131½, scored a sharp upset at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A., by defeating former world champion Lauro Salas, 130½. Salas was favored at 3-1. It was a split decision: Referee Jimmy Wilson and Judge Reg Gillmore voting for the Pasadena boy; Judge Lee Grossman for Salas.

The fours: Billy Frazier, 136½, decisioned Jesse Jones, 140½; Tomahawk Turner, 128½, TKO (3) over Jimmy Lassiter, 128; Rudy Lara, 132, drew with Jeff Palma, 131¼; and Posey Bridges, 141, decisioned Joey Shavez, 138½.

▶George Parmentier, 234 pound giant, augmented his recent comeback and also celebrated his homecoming to Eureka, Calif. by knocking out Gene Thompson, 194, of St. Paul, Minn., in the fifth round. The big men collided in the scheduled ten round headliner at the Eureka Municipal Auditorium.

Several years ago Parmentier started his career in Eureka. His later campaigns were punctuated with several sharp setbacks. Now he is fighting out of Seattle.

Humboldt Athletic Club reported a satisfactory $2177 in gate receipts.

Thompson was leading until the explosive fifth. In the fifth, at the height of a flurry along the ropes, Parmentier got maximum leverage on a short right to the chin. Thompson was put flat on his back. After several game attempts to rise, he fell back and was out for 30 seconds after Referee Marty Watkins completed his count.

The semi main was the only bout to go the distance. In six rounds, Jimmy McCoy, 140, of Orick, Calif., outpointed Benny Walker, 143, S.F.

John Houston, 162, S.F. knocked out Dale Sanderson, 163, Klamath, in the second round of a scheduled six.

In the opener, Maxie Green, 138, stopped Bucky Jones, 136, in the second.

▶Though Leonard Gaines ruled a slight favorite to defeat Johnny McCray, few expected the convincing kayo which the Oaklander scored over the sturdy Texas lightweight. Gaines, 136, put McCray, also 136, out of contention in the fourth session of their scheduled ten-rounder at San Francisco's Winterland arena.

McCray started out well, outboxing Gaines in the first and holding him even in the third. Gaines scored a one count knockdown early in the fourth. Midway in the round Gaines landed a succession of ponderous rights and lefts to the head.

McCray was draped on the ropes for a few seconds, then collapsed to the canvas and on to the ring apron. There referee Fred Apostoli counted him out.

The program was promoted by Jimmy Murray.

In the scheduled six round semi, Chico Arroyo, 138, was awarded a technical decision in the fourth when he was accidentally butted by George Sullivan, 137. Arroyo was ahead on points.

Other results, all fours: Bob Butcher, 207, dec. Babe Hunt, 187; Vinnie Hines, 141, TKO'd Bob Rubi in 3; Johnny Milton, 145, outpointed Bennie Diles, 145.

▶Many not-so-old timers in Fresno, Calif. still mistakenly walk toward Ryan's Arena on fight nights. They often forget that Ryan's, center of Fresno boxing activity since 1929, was eliminated recently to make room for the new traffic freeway. Now boxing attractions are held at Fresno's Memorial Auditorium, which opened its newest season by bringing in more than 2,000 fans who paid $4427.

Principal magnet was Archie Moore, who engaged in a brisk exhibition with Dale Hall, Los Angeles heavyweight. Moore, 204, and Hall, 214, slapped each other around energetically with 14 ounce gloves. This setto lasted four rounds.

In the feature eight rounder, Sal Perea, 160, San Francisco, outpointed Bull Halsey, 164, Oakland. Most observers gave Perea six of the rounds.

Four round prelims: Tom Patrick, 123, dec. Max Telles, 124; Louie Andrade, 162, outpointed Dave Mantanane, 160; Bobby Macias, 147, drew with Bennie Diles, 146; Hank Casey, 158, stopped Henry Callahan, 160, in 2.

▶An unorthodox southpaw offensive by Casey Jones of San Francisco puzzled Chico Rosa of Hawaii just enough for Casey to grab the ten round decision in their encounter at San Francisco's Winterland. Weights: Jones, 124, Rosa, 126.

Best punch landed was a good right-left combination by Jones in the eighth, which spun Rosa along the ropes and left him momentarily stunned. Johnny Lotsey refereed.

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was a free-swinging affair for four rounds, with the busy Calhoun having slightly the better of the milling, but running into a couple of rough moments on the way. The crude but dangerous DeFendis jolted him with a right in the first and dropped him to one knee with a left hook in the third. It appeared to be a clean knockdown, but Calhoun was up immediately and Referee Teddy Martin called it a slip. Calhoun, meanwhile, had been scoring consistently with rights to DeFendis' chin, and their cumulative effects became evident in the fifth when Angelo showed visible signs of tiring. Calhoun, pressing his advantage, had the Brooklynite reeling through most of the round and finally sent him toppling to the canvas five seconds before the bell. DeFendis was so completely exhausted he had to be lugged to his corner. After checking him, Dr. Alex Schiff signalled Referee Martin that the Brooklynite was in no condition to continue. Johnny Gorman, 140, West Side, outhustled Frederico Escalero, 146, Puerto Rico, in a busy semi-final six. In fours, Jimmy Skinner, 163¼, Brooklyn, decisioned Jimmy Garcia, 164½, Puerto Rico; Richie Glennon, 160½, Bronx, won from Johnny Webster, 158, Brooklyn, and Andy Anderson, 129½, whipped a rival Harlemite, George Stepney, 130.

▶In what could best be described as a back-alley brawl, short in science but long in action, Rinzy Nocero, 156½, Brooklyn, outlasted a borough rival, Phil Rizzo, 158, to take a split 2-1 decison in eight at Sunnyside Garden. What the bout lacked in finesse it amply supplied in rough-and-tumble scuffling. Going into the last round there wasn't much to choose between the rivals, but Rizzo seemed to tire toward the finish and Nocero had just enough left to edge his way to a majority verdict. Up-and-coming Tony DiBiase, 140½, Astoria, added another win to his fast-expanding chain by outfighting Joe Lissy, 140, Yorkville, in a lively semi-final six. In fours, Ray Apollo, 147, Newark, N. J., had the better of Hector Benitz, 150, Puerto Rico; Johnny Betancourt, 141, Long Island City, was a bit too experienced for Tony LaGreca, 142½, Harlem; Harry Charles, 134½, Brooklyn, divided honors with Llewellyn Richardson, 138, British West Indian now domiciled in Harlem, and Tony Franco, 135, won from Mike Perez, 130, in an all-Brooklyn pairing. The non-TV card drew nearly 1,000 customers and gross receipts of $1,600.

▶On a decision unanimous with the three officials but far from popular with many of the reporters and fans present, Rocky Castellani, 159, Luzerne, Pa., was declared winner over Johnny Sullivan, 161, Preston, England, in a busy ten in Madison Square Garden. The aggressive Sullivan made a fine impression in his first Garden appearance and seemed entitled to a draw at least. The Britisher, forced the action most of the way, and registered the best punch of the fight when he staggered Castellani with a short right to the jaw in the second. Several times during the late rounds Johnny's vicious body punching had Castellani wincing. Rocky, who fought mainly in spurts, did his most effective scoring with left hooks and fast right-hand leads. There were no knockdowns, but in the ninth, Sullivan missing a right, tripped over Castellani's legs and went sprawling for the moment. The semi-final was short-lived, Larry Baker, 146, Yonkers, polishing off Buddy Jackson, 144¾, Springville, N. Y., at 2:47 of the first. A pair of Kings hooked up in another six, Jackie, 165, Cleveland, outlasting Ricardo, 159½, Pittsburgh. Jackie Hayden, 134, Westville, Canada, was too rough and tough for Eddie Antonetti, 137¾, Puerto Rico, in a third six. In fours, Itzy Wallach, 148, East Side, outpointed Benny Washington, 146½, Harlem, and Eddie Perkins, 124, Harlem, won from Cleo Ortiz, 121¾, East Side.

▶A roaring finish netted Miguel Berrios, 127½, Puerto Rico, a hairline decision over Bobby Bell, 128, Youngstown, O., in an action-packed ten at St. Nicholas Arena. The speedier, shiftier Bell piled up a comfortable lead in the early rounds and was well in front at the end of the sixth. The Ohioan couldn't maintain the blistering pace, however, and began to tire in the seventh. At this point, the stocky Berrios assumed charge of operations and a furious drive through the closing rounds just about edged out the verdict for him. Joe Baglio, 156, Brooklyn, had the better of Johnny Lissy, 148, Yorkville, in the semi-final six. Another scheduled six ended at 1:09 of the fourth when a nasty gash over the left eye of Obadiah Rhodes, 176, Hampton, Va., prompted the referee to call a halt and declare Ralph Ruffin, 188½, Brooklyn, the winner. In a pair of fours, Frankie Daly, 131, Long Island City, whipped Bert Reyes, 126, Brooklyn, and Art Lusby, 148, Paterson, N. J., disposed of Castel Ortiz, 147, Puerto Rico, at 2:25 of the first.

▶Encouraged by the presence of his illustrious sponsor, world middleweight champion Ray Robinson, Gene Johns, 152½, Harlem, edged out a split decision over a neighborhood rival, Mike Campbell, 155, in a lively eight at Sunnyside Garden. In a co-featured eight, Ray Dittrich, 171, Maspeth, was returned winner over Lou Perry, 169, Brooklyn. The two eights topped a well-balanced card, every bout going its prescribed distance. A quartet of Brooklynites didn't fare too well in the preliminary fours. Only one was a winner, Bobby Gomez, 161½, grabbing the decision over Marion Guzzo, 162½, Easton, Pa. The losers were Ira Williams, 129, outpointed by Steve Horvath, 126, Toronto; Manuel Dizon, 141, beaten by Sam Johnson, 142, Paterson, N. J., and Gene Taylor, 130¼, outfought by Joey Donovan, 130¼, Long Island City. Despite the appearance of Robinson, the turnout for the non-TV card was disappointing, only 750 clients contributing a gate of $1,200.

▶Displaying considerable improvement over his previous appearance, when he lost to Frankie Ryff in a sloppy affair, Baby Vasquez, 133, Mexico, gave the favored Carmelo Costa, 131, Brooklyn, a nip-and-tuck argument in a fast-moving ten in Madison Square Garden. Costa was awarded a split decision, but the majority of the ringsiders present felt that the busy, bustling Vasquez had earned at least a draw. Costa was the shiftier boxer and sharper puncher, but he had difficulty holding off the aggressive Mexican, who forced the action most of the way and scored often with fast looping swings. Despite the sizzling pace and lively exchanges, the only noticeable damage suffered by either was a gash in Vasquez's lower lip, inflicted by a Costa uppercut in the seventh. There were no knockdowns, but twice in the tenth Vasquez slipped to the canvas after missing swings. The semi-final, scheduled for eight, ended at 2:03 of the fourth with Tony Anthony, 167, finishing a rival Harlemite, Clarence Floyd, 168¼. Billy Lepido, 151, Bronx, outpointed Wesley Lowery, 149, Allentown, Pa., in six. In another six, shortened to four because of TV time, Archie Monroe, 148½, Baltimore, decisioned Bernie Lynn, 148½, Jamaica. In fours, Bob Graves, 220, Elizabeth, was too strong for Charley Jones, 195, Newark, and Jimmy Williams, 160½, Harlem, stopped Ernie Bridgeforth, 157½, Bronx, at the end of the third.

▶In a battle of "bleeders," Gene Poirier, 151, Niagara Falls, N. Y., was credited with a knockout over Danny Jo Perez, 148¼, West Side, when Dr. Alex Schiff recommended a halt at the end of the eighth at St. Nicholas Arena. An ugly gash on the forehead, just above the left eye, was gushing gore down Perez's face, and since Danny Jo was taking a rugged lacing, the club medico's action was justified. Poirier also was bleeding from cuts alongside both eyes, as well as from his nose, but the upstater's injuries weren't serious. It had been a free-punching brawl, with Poirier carrying the heavier guns. Gene's two-fisted combinations gradually wore Perez down, and Danny Joe was in rough shape when the fight ended. In the semi-final, listed for six, George Harrell, 162, Brooklyn stopped Edmund George, 161½, Washington Heights, at 2:13 of the fourth. In fours, Joe Davis, 145½, Brooklyn, won from Iggy Zotto, 150½, also of Brooklyn; Gene Hamilton, 157½, West Side, outpointed Richie Glennon, 161, Bronx; Tony Santiago, 153¼, Bronx, whipped Otto Smith, 154, Westfield, N. J., and Joe Lissy, 149, Yorkville, drew with Carl Thompson, 144, Philadelphia.

▶More effective "headwork" earned Wayne Bethea, 198¼, Bronx, credit for a knockout over Ernie Cab, 200½, Brooklyn, when their scheduled eight was halted at the end of the sixth at Sunnyside Garden. The big 'uns were mauling each other on fairly even terms when, midway through the sixth, they met in a head-on collision. Bethea's conk was the winner. Cab emerged with a badly bruised and swollen left eye. By the end of the round the optic was completely closed. After consulting with the club physician, Referee Petey Della called quits. The unfortunate accident spoiled a remarkable match-making record by Artie Curley. In three straight shows embracing a total of eighteen bouts, Artie had paired his principals so evenly not one knockout had been produced. Preceding the Bethea-Cab affair, six preliminary fours had gone their prescribed routes. Otis Woodward, 150¾, Washington Heights, outpointed a neighborhood rival, Mannie Davis, 146; LeRoy Oliphant, 161, Charlotte, N. C., won from Wally Henderson, 158½, Jersey City; Chico Velez, 133, East Side, edged out Llewellyn Richardson, 137, Harlem; Harry Bell, 136, Long Island City, decisioned Harvey Charles, 134, Brooklyn; Benny Washington, 148¾, Brooklyn, had the better of Danny Vego, 152, East Side, and Tony Franco, 135½, Brooklyn, drew with Vic Campo, 135½, East Side.

▶In virtually a carbon copy of their previous meeting at St. Nick's five months before, Ludwig Lightburn, 140¼, British Honduras, bustled his way to an easy decision over Hoacine Khalfi, 135½, Algeria, in a not-too-exciting ten in Madison Square Garden. Lightburn had too much speed and punching power for Khalfi, who seemed sluggish in his movements. In justice to the Algerian, however, it must be reported that he was a short-notice substitute for L. C. Morgan, and had put in a couple of hectic days with his wife giving birth to twins. The heavier Lightburn floored Khalfi for a nine-count late in the sixth and ripped a nasty gash across his cheekbone in the eighth. In the semi-final, scheduled for eight, unbeaten Rory Calhoun, 163½, White Plains, ran off his nineteenth straight pro win by stopping Andre Tessier, 163½, Springfield, Mass., at 1:14 of the fifth. After dividing a two-bout series at Sunnyside Garden, Irish Mickey McGrath, 166, Greenwich, Conn., made it 2-1 in his favor by whipping Phil Rizzo, 158½, Brooklyn, in six. In fours, Andy Figaro, 149½, Cuba, decisioned Bobby Shell, 147½, Washington, D. C.; Bill Flamio, 138¾, Bronx, outpointed Jesse Watson, 139, Brooklyn, and Garvin Sawyer, 190, Cincinnati, polished off Mickey Carter, 234, Harlem, at 1:54 of the third.

▶Some fighters just cannot seem to learn from past mistakes, and Ray Drake, Far Rockaway middleweight, apparently is one of them. In a previous meeting with Hardy Smallwood of Brooklyn at the St. Nicholas Arena, Drake was penalized two rounds for illegal holding and hitting, and he ended up with a draw instead of a victory. In the return match, Ray, 160, again was penalized two rounds for the same tactics, and this time they proved even costlier. The decision went to Smallwood, 160. It was a rough-and-tumble affair, with Smallwood getting off to a fast start and Drake coming on strongly toward the finish. Smallwood scored the only knockdown of the bout when he dumped Drake with an overhand right to the head in the second, but he was staggered several times by Ray in the later rounds. The semi-final, listed for six, was halted at the end of the second because of a gash over the left eye of Gale Kerwin, 139, Valley Stream. Charley Cummings, 140½, Philadelphia, was declared winner. Another scheduled six also was shortened when Joe Davis, 147¼, East Side, stopped Jimmy Piper, 142½, with only one second remaining in the fifth. In fours, Harvey Charles, 129½, East Side, decisioned Chico Velez, 133½, Brooklyn, and LeRoy Oliphant, 161½, Charlotte, N. C., bested Robert Williams, 157, Harlem.

JAMAICA BOXING
By Ken Jones

GERALD GRAY, 146, RETAINED his welterweight title by pounding out a convincing 15-round triumph over former champion Neville Powell who also tipped the scales at 146.

In a previous match fans created a furore over a unanimous verdict which handed Gray the title by the narrowest of margins.

On the supporting card Willie Fearon, 174½, came out of the woods to score a clearcut decision over Ossie Nelson, 173, in 8 rounds. Fearon opened up with a savage body attack and later switched to the head. Nelson found no answer.

Barrington Johnson, 158½, stiffened Walter Green, 159½, with three left hooks. The mill ended in 1:55 of the first heat. Melvin Morris, 126, chopped Frank Orrett, 124, to pieces and won on points in 6.

▶There is talk that featherweight champion Danny Edwards will defend his crown this summer against crafty Tricky Nugent.

NORTHWESTERN REPERCUSSIONS
By Hugh Sutton

GREAT FALLS, MONT.—"DIAMOND DICK" LANE, BILLINGS, Mont., middleweight outfought Jackie Williams, Vancouver, B.C., all the way, in a slambang 10-rounder, which was the main go of the evening. Lane weighed 156½ and Williams 150.

Lane was the more effective, as usual, with his hard hooks to the body to gain his decision over the Vancouver fighter. In the final round Lane opened up and pounded the Canadian at will and brought plenty of blood, while both of the boys were in a slugging match at the bell.

Jimmy Grow, Lewiston, Idaho, northwest middleweight champion, showed his ability to hold the title by putting the insomnia cure on Sammy Dolan, Everett, Wash., in 2:30 of the fourth round.

Dolan was down for nine earlier in the round from a left hook, only to get up and go down for keeps by a hard right to the jaw.

SAXTON WINS TITLE

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balance. His knees buckled and his eyes were glazed and it appeared that this was to be the end of the show.

But he reeled to the ropes and as Carmen went after his prey eager for the "kill", Saxton grabbed him and the referee halted Basilio's attack by ordering a break. Thus Carmen lost his man and the best opportunity he had in the entire bout to crash home the haymaker.

In the following round the split glove helped Saxton considerably. It gave

CARMEN BASILIO

him an opportunity to regain his strength after the second round beating and the body attack he had received during the early part of the third session.

From the third through the seventh and part of the succeeding one, the champion was continuously annoyed by the long jabs of the challenger who kept flicking the gloved fists into Carmen's face, but couldn't stop the champ from coming forward for his attack.

EIGHTH ROUND BEST FOR OPEN FIGHTING

The eighth round was the best for open fighting. In that session, with Basilio pressing forward, Saxton suddenly abandoned his safety-first tactics and cut loose with a body attack and with both flinging away, the spectators were treated to some real action.

In every round from then to the windup, Basilio was ever on the move. The will to battle, a determination that enabled him to carry off the major portion of the ninth through the fifteenth frame, cut down Saxton's early lead and by the time the thirteenth session had been finished, he had evened the round-by-round score on my tally sheet, but was still ahead by two points by the Illinois scoring system. His aggressiveness kept Saxton on the hop, especially in the final two rounds in which Johnny did little to indicate that he was out to take the crown from the title holder.

Yet he got it despite this weakness!

Saxton made a brilliant counter-punching climb during the first eight rounds but his opponent's fighting finish in my estimation was sufficient to enable him to retain his laurels. That he didn't, was a mis-carriage in the opinion of the majority.

That Saxton did a fine job of boxing and countering cannot be denied, but his holding, missing and retreating, in my opinion offset the former and he should not have been given the decision. What amazed most of the reporters and fans was that the fourteenth and fifteenth rounds were given to Saxton by the referee, despite the fact that Carmen won these by a wide margin. Judge McManus gave the fourteenth to Saxton and called the last round even while Judge Hines awarded both frames to Basilio, as did I and every New York scribe.

The fight, like most of the important contests in which Saxton has been a participant, will go down into ring history as one of the most controversial championship contests in recent years. Referee Gilmer's score card showed 144 points to 142 for Saxton. Judge Hines had it tabbed 145 to 138 for Johnny, giving his opponent only four rounds while Judge McManus had it 147 to 140 with only three rounds for the defending champion.

I gave Basilio the decision, 8 rounds to six and one even and 144 points to 141.

Saxton picked up a pay check of $42,677 on the basis of a thirty percent cut of a gross of $104,280 and a net of $83,008.29, plus thirty percent of $60,000 TV money. The same sum was earned by the loser.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish

THE intense cold which gripped all Western Europe during February had an adverse effect on boxing and many fight cards were cancelled. Several battlers came through with good performances, particularly Hans Friedrich, winner over Rex Layne, Alphonse Halimi, still bowling 'em over, Ingo Johansson, Valere Benedetto and Emilio Marconi, who became the new welter champ of Europe.

Several fell below standard, such as Jean Sneyers, who was stopped by Hogan Bassey in London and Chris Christensen, fighting as a middle in Sweden after a long layoff.

Gustav Scholz, absent for a half a year, resumed training. Hecht retained his European cruiser title and looks like keeping it for quite a while. As well as Sneyers, other Continental visitors to Britain got a warm reception.

Mols, the French heavy, Limage of Belgium, Guy Gracia and Ali Belkacem of France, were all whipped in British rings whilst in the States. Peter Müller came through with a victory after several setbacks.

Probably the most exciting event of the month was the meeting of the Spainard Fred Galiana, holder of the European featherweight title, and the visiting Cuban lightweight, Orlando Zulueta, in Milan. It was the first time Galiana had boxed in Italy, and too much may have been expected of him. Zulueta, on the other hand, had made a fine impression on the Milanese by the stiff battle he had given Italy's own Duilio Loi, the European lightweight champion, six weeks before. At any rate, at the end of the tenth round the referee decided that the Galiano-Zulueta bout was a draw, but the verdict didn't satisfy the majority of the fans, and they expressed their disapproval in no uncertain terms. They swarmed down around the ring, throwing cushions, food and other things, and several fist fights developed throughout the arena. It remained for the police eventually to restore order.

▶ **GROSSETO, ITALY**—By effective use of a long, raking left, combined with very accurate counter-punching, Emilio Marconi was able to earn a close points victory over Idrissa (Eddie) Dione after fifteen rounds. Marconi thus brought to Italy her fourth European title, the welterweight. He declared his intentions of defending the crown only at his home-town of Grosseeto. The British referee, Mr. Davidson, had no doubts about the winner but the French press was somewhat critical of this new Italian success. On the same bill, Altidoro Polidori stopped rugged Ken Lawrence in the ninth round of a feathers fray and Giancarlo Bettazoni checked Idrissa Diop, French heavy, in the third. Dione's stablemate, Osmane Cisse outscored Roberto Conti in a welter six and Franco Giannini outfought Mario Posca in a feathers six.

▶ **ROTTERDAM, HOLLAND**—On the Leon Jansen-Mickey Laurent card, reported last month, Baby De Voogd came through with his first win for quite a while by stopping Peter Shetzoff, the American heavy living in Belgium, in three. Hein van der Zee won over Rene Keikens in a bantam eight and Frits van Kempen knocked out Theun Brommer in the sixth round to consolidate his grip on the Dutch welter title.

▶ **BARCELONA, SPAIN** — Manola Garcia, back after his long sojourn abroad, whipped Gil Suarez in a feathers eight whilst at Madrid.

▶ José Cifuentes trimmed Emilio Orozco in a welter ten and Manuel Bufala returned to action with a good points win over Carmelo Beraza in a lightie eight. At Barcelona Juan Cadalso defended his Catalan feathers title by whipping José Martinez over eight rounds.

▶ **PARIS**—Pierre Pace, more active of late, headlined at the Salle Wagram against the former Belgian feathers king, Louis Cabo. The youthful Pace, ripped off his twenty-second win by stopping the Fleming in the fifth. Cabo could not answer the bell due to a severe eye injury. Michel Boudier whipped Epiphane Akono in a lightweight eight and blond André Pierson outfought tough André Meraint in a feathers ten.

▶ **Ghent, Belgium**—Bob Stevens became the new national middles king by winning over André De Keersgieter, who was ruled out in the eighth round for clouting his rival behind the neck and scraping with the open glave.

▶ **At Ostend**, another Belgian title, the heavyweight, was at stake when Robert Eugene boxed his way to a comfortable points win over twelve rounds against his eternal challenger, Al Bernard, who had no answer for Eugene's steady left. Jan Hagenear trounced Jo Verbrugh in a middle ten.

▶ **Barcelona, Spain**—Quite an upset here when Ben Buker II dislodged Manuel Correa from the welter throne, defeating the Majorcan over twelve rounds. Correa had trouble in making the limit and towards the end of the bout was an open target for the mulatto's continuous attacks.

▶ **Pavia, Italy**—Annibale Omodei met his match in Mario Vecchiato, who is also a very promising lightweight element. After a robust ten rounder, a drawn verdict was well received. Bardelloni stopped Franco Livio in the seventh of a welter duel and Gastone Casarico laced Nosenzo in a feathers six.

▶ **Abidjan, French** Ivory Coast—The latest batch of imported Frenchmen did little better than their predecessors against local talent. Francois Annewy defeated Jean Piniarski in a rugged middles ten and in a second middleweight bout, Mickey Laurent was held to a draw by Kouami Yao over eight.

▶ **Piacenza, Italy**, Antonio Crosia obtained sweet revenge over Giorgio Marchinetti, the Swiss heavy, stopping the visitor in round five after dropping him thrice. Guiseppe Gaviano, rapidly improving flyweight hope, licked Renato Denti over eight rounds and Rocco Mazzola stopped Vannes Benassi in the second frame of a cruiser slam.

▶ **At Gallarate**—Franco Zagami upset Cosimo Pezzuto in a bantam eight while at Forli, Widmer Milandri could do no better than draw with newcomer Angelo Grego in a cruiser eight. Pompeo Cicognani licked Pasquale Barletta in a flyweight six and Alfredo Beoni larruped Antonio D'Angelo in a lightweight six.

▶ **Milan, Italy**—Back in action, temperamental Lorenzo Rocci was handed a soft touch in the person of Werner Münch, third-rate German cruiser. Less than two rounds sufficed for Rocci to stow away the Teuton.

Antonio Lausdei, who is making a comeback, trounced Ilario Suvilla in a heavyweight six. Giancarlo Brusa stopped Ennio Antonelli in the sixth of a middles slam and Ernesto Ballabio trimmed Giovanni Frigeri in a lightie six. Luigi Messadri nodded Gianni Calabrese in a middles six.

▶ **Baden, near Vienna**—Alois Senn won his second pro start, stopping the veteran Karl Ameisbichler in the fourth round. The former "Blond Bomber" subbed at the last moment and suffered from a damaged left hand.

▶ **Rieti, Italy**—Flaviano Ciancarelli was surprisingly held to a draw by a very determined Franco Gianelli in a feathers eight. Renato Giacche put the skids under Girolamo Piai in the second of a lightie clash and Giacomo Putti halted Riccardo Ardillo in the second of a welter dispute.

▶ **At Genoa**—Altidoro Polidori clearly outscored Felice Gallo in a feathers ten and Giorgio Bollato nodded Adriano Raba in a welter six. Franco Gallino whipped Gianni Sanna in a feathers six.

▶ **Pau, France**—José-Maria Menrique, promising Spanish feather serving an apprenticeship in French rings, bit a tough nut in the person of Marcel Mathieu a former champion, who held the Iberian to a draw after eight torrid rounds. Czeslaw Matusak drew with Hubert Bouyé in a middle eight.

▶ **At Brest**—Robert Mennier drew with Robert Tartari in a feathers ten and Pierre Sarkissian laced Jean Colin in a lightie ten.

▶ **At Bastia**—Eugéne D'Alessio outpointed Alex Ceremonia in a heavyweight ten and at

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

Month Ending March 18, 1956

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Emilio Marconi (I)
2. Franco Cavichhi (I)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Valere Benedetto (F)
3. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Charles Colin (F)	Hans Stretz (G)	Idrissa Dione (F)
4. Hans Friedrich (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Gaetano Garbelli (I)
5. Kurt Schiegl (A)	William Besmanoff (G)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)
6. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Aless. D'Ottavio (I)	Franco Festucci (I)	Jacques Herbillon (F)
7. Marcel Limage (B)	Fernando Jannilli (I)	Max Resch (G)	Jacques Prigent (F)
8. Werner Wiegand (G)	Horst Niche (G)	Peter Muller (G)	Umberto Vernaglione (I)
9. Giannino Luise (I)	Ray Schmit (L)	Leen Jansen (H)	Gunther Hase (G)
10. Aldo Pellegrini (I)	Ivano Fontana (I)	Olle Bengtsson (SW)	Ernst Zetzmann (G)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Fred Galiana (S)	Robert Cohen (F)	Young Martin (S)
2. Bruno Visintin (I)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
3. Seraphin Ferrer (F)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Emile Chemama (F)	Guy Schatt (F)
4. Hoacine Khalfi (F)	Ray Famechon (F)	Jean Renard (B)	Henri Schmit (F)
5. Louis Carrara (F)	Rudi Langer (G)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Robert Mouginot (F)
6. Laouari Godih (F)	Jules Touan (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Robert Pollazon (F)
7. Annibale Omodei (I)	Jose Hernardez (S)	Piero Rollo (I)	Pipo Dionisio (F)
8. Manolo Garcia (S)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Roberto Spina (I)	Jose Ogazon (S)
9. Piet van Klaveren (H)	Sergio Milan (I)	Letterio Petilli (I)	Ot. Belardinelli (I)
10. Felix Chiocca (F)	Bobby Ros (S)	Dante Bini (F)	Giuseppe Gaviano (I)

LEGEND: (A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (F) France; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxembourg; (S) Spain; (SW) Sweden.

Annecy, Guy Gracia brilliantly outboxed robust Simon Périllat, destructive southpaw hitter, in a lightie ten.

▶ **Paris. At the Central**—Alfred Vaillant defeated Lallemand in a bantam eight and Boulesteix stopped Kindinis in the third of a welter affair.

At the Stadium, Ray Bénard licked Felix Vanderdonck in a bantam ten, Michael Touché won over Dubois in a lightie eight and Gusmini drew with Damani in a feathers six.

▶ **Madrid, Spain**—The European flyweight king, Young Martin, found himself dumped on the canvas in the opening round of his bout with Pierre Gress-Gydé of France, but the Spaniard took a count of three and came back to chase the visitor and finally pounded out a satisfactory points victory.

▶ **Lausanne, Switzerland**—Sigi Jarych, wandering French welter, triumphed over the Italian, Mario Casellato, over ten rounds whilst Roland Pottier trimmed the Algerian welter, Nait Hadj over eight.

▶ **Dortmund, Germany**—Hans Friedrich, 198, made an easier job of licking Rex Layne, 216, than did Heinz Neuhaus. Both men fought with blithe disregard of the rules but the American was the worst offender. Friedrich landed some telling blows and in the sixth round dropped the rugged Yank for a brief instant.

Willi Hoepner, 178, had a difficult task against clever Johnny Williams, 198, and was dropped twice during the ten-rounder. Hoepner made the mistake of trying to knock out the heavier man but caught up on points when he made use of his speed. The drawn verdict rather favored the German.

William Besmanoff, who recently lost to Jacques Bro in Luxembourg, reversed the verdict by outscoring the French cruiser over eight whilst Günther Hase clung on to his newly-won welter title by drawing with southpaw Ernst Zetzmann over twelve hard rounds. Erich Walter stopped Victoriano Olivares in the sixth of a middles slam and Manfred Schneider checked Renato Podrecca, Italo-Belgian heavy, in the fourth. Hans Wohlers halted his foe, middleweight Peter Werner, also in the fourth.

▶ **Esch - sur - Alzette, Luxembourg** — Ray Stroppa, Italian welter residing locally, stopped Heinz Klein of Germany in the second frame of a one-sided affair. Another Italian-Luxemburger, Alfio Burgagni, thumped out a points win over the German trial-horse, Hans Nesemann, in a welter eight.

▶ **Paris**—At the Salle Wagram, Felix Chiocca came through with yet another good win, this time at the expense of Jacques Dumesnil, but only by a narrow margin. Dumesnil lost points for holding and for hitting low.

Dos Santos halted Delalou in the fifth of a feathers bout and André Gasparini stopped Charles Bohbot in the tenth round of a flyweight scrap.

▶ At the Central, Maurice Auzel got the better of Jean Santanbien in a good lightie ten and young Roger Prigent licked Jacques Poinson in a feathers ten.

▶ **Barcelona, Spain**—Upsets galore at the Gran Price, where Kim Navarro was knocked out in the second round by one Rodriguez in a bantam fray and welter champ Ben Buker II was pounded into defeat within three rounds by promising Javier Ortiz. Romana flattened Torres in the opening stanza of a lightie encounter and Aparicio battered Navarro III into retiring during the third heat of a whirling feathers discussion.

▶ **Brussels, Belgium**—Fred Galiana, the Toledo Blade, struck with unerring accuracy at Trinidad's Jimmy Black here, stopping the negro feather in the seventh. Manolo Garcia registered a points win over Georges Devos in a lightweight ten.

▶ **Paris**—At the Salle Wagram, André Drille made his first bow to a Parisian audience. His opponent was not hand-picked, Jean Ruellet has supset too many applecarts of late but against the clean boxing of the southerner, he made little impression. Drille won on points after ten rounds.

Serge Leveque it was who threw the real upset of the night. He smashed Constant Alcantara to the floor twice and forced the experienced negro to retire in the third session of this second middles contest. Louis Luchetti stopped Berto in the third of another middles affair and Jo Leneum outpunched Robert Gillet in a lightweight eight.

▶ **La Spezia, Italy**—It was Aldo Pellegrini's last chance when they brought in the rather decayed Luxemburger, Jeng Serres, as an opponent. Aldo made the most of his opportunity and nailed the visitor early in the second stanza. In the next heavyweight bout, the sacrificial goat rebelled. Lorenzo Rocci, 180, still on the comback route, took things easy at first with Horst Herold, 196, a German novice, but two knockdowns rather put Rocci out of gear. He retired at the beginning of the seventh with a fractured hand.

Angelo Grego Livio Ricciolini in the second of a cruiser clash and in two welter sixes, Grilli whipped Cozzani and Ballarini nodded Raba.

European featherweight champion Fred Galiana wasn't in much of a bull-throwing mood in his bout with Orlando Zulueta in Milan, but the Italian fans, who didn't like the draw decision, did plenty of throwing of cushions, food and fists.

▶ **Tunis**—Tiberio Mitri had an easy trip against the local champ, Bill Jo Cohen, knocking him out in the third of their middles debate. Franco Rosini bested El Baz in a lightie eight and Ben Ali drew with Ben Chackal, also in a lightweight eight.

At Dijon, Francis Bonnardel outscored speedy Salvator Vangi in a feathers ten.

▶ **Delmenhorst, Germany**—Manfred Neuke stiffened Herman Lewandowski in the second of a feathers fray, Albert Müller nodded Günther Chomuntowski in a very hard lightie eight and Horst Shielke lost out to Claus Miska in a lightie four Willi Gelhaar triumphed over ancient Bruno Walkowiak in a lightweight six.

▶ **Paris**—For his final warm-up prior to meeting Kid Gavilan, Germinal Ballarin entertained the very modest Spanish middle, Francesco Frances, before 3,000 at the Mutualité. Ballarin put across his tremendous right in the second session and it was curtains for Frances. The Gavilan-Ballarin bout was postponed.

Marcel Pigou defeated rugged Gaston Meulebrouck in a middles ten and Guy Schatt got the verdict over André Jasse in a scintillating flyweight ten.

▶ At the Stadium, André Meraint won over Jesus Rubio, Spanish feather, in ten and Adrien Gomis, Portuguese lightie, trimmed Francois Granger over eight.

▶ At the Central, René Barriére drew with Tiodmir Zambujo in a feathers ten.

▶ **Marseilles, France**—Louis Mourros was defeated here by the Tunisian middle, Fahrad, over ten while Tony Feliciano laced Ray Girbet in a middles eight.

Ben Ali, North African feathers king, iced José Martinez in round one and Dekhyl was ruled out in the third frame of his lightie swingeroo against Ben Zayia, for striking low.

▶ **Milan, Italy**—At the Principe Theatre, Federico Friso met his sternest opposition to date, in the Martinique Negro, Ernest Chalono, who made things very difficult for the powerful youngster. Friso's mighty swings seldom connected but he managed to clout his way to a good points win over eight rounds.

Antonio Lausdei continued with his winning series by thrashing Piero Baldini in a heavy six. In two middles eights, Brusa drew with Mattei and Carati shared honors with Chiesa. Gastone Casarico was likewise held to a draw by Guido Belotti in a feathers six.

▶ **Ashieres, Paris**—Jacques Prigent found himself caught up by one of the new brigade of youngsters when strong Marius Dori held him to a draw after ten hotly-disputed rounds. Kid brother Roger Prigent defeated André Bernard in a lightie ten, however.

▶ At the Central, Stanis Sobolak threw an upset by trouncing highly-favored Serge Gazard in a torrid bantam ten.

▶ At the Salle Wagram, André Valignat recovered his winning stride by threashing game Louis Poncy in a good feathers ten.

Ahcence Attar liicked Boudier in a lightweight eight and hefty Emile Vidal bounced Pierre Debrossard to the deck for the full count in the third of a heavyweight encounter.

▶ **Amsterdam, Holland**—Wim Snoek boxed his way to an elegant points win over the crude but forceful Senegalese cruiser, Simon Ayankin, over ten rounds. Tonny Baars, welter from the Dutch East Indies, grabbed the duke from Germany's Gerhard Moll in an eight-rounder.

Granville, France—André Drille chalked up another triumph in his adopted hometown by trouncing up-and-coming Michel Masson, who caught Drille in the fifth and had him on the canvas for a moment but was unable to match André's effective style.

Hubert Bouyé retired in the fourth round of his middles contest with Mocques, due to cut eyes.

▶ **At St. Jean de Luz**—Victor Pepeder reversed a previous decision by defeating Ahcene Dib in a feathers ten.

▶ **Luxembourg**—The finals of the cruiser competition will be fought out between an Algerian and a German. Horst Niche outgeneraled the husky local, Ray Schmit, over ten rounds and thus preserved his clean slate as a professional while Ahmed Boulgroune provided the upset of the evening by plugging out a points win over the classy but fragile Dutchman, Pero Klyssens.

▶ **Barcelona, Spain**—At the Gran Price, José Gonzales retained his heavyweight title by forcing Ramon Martinez to retire in the ninth round after dropping the challenger with a hook to the liver. This was Gonzales' fourth title defense in four years.

The cruiser title also remains in the same hands. Domingo Lopez won fairly easily over a visitor from the Canary Isles, Mena, in twelve rounds, Lopez weighed in at 156!

▶ **Gothenburg, Sweden**—There was a packed house at the Mässhallen where heavyweight star Ingo Johansson collided with perhaps his most dangerous adversary, Joe Bygraves of Jamaica. Already moral winner over Cavicchi and conqueror of Salfeld, Bacilieri and other Continentals, Bygraves found the Swede a bird of a different feather and lost by quite a margin over ten rounds.

Olle Bengtsson threw the bigest upset of the night by halting the Dane, Chris Christensen in the seventh frame of their battle for the Scandinavian middles title. Gunnar Nilsson outpunched the game Frenchman, Michel Dinot, in a cruiser six.

▶ **St. Nazaire, France**—At long last, Charles Colin got his crack at the European cruiser title, meeting Gerhard Hecht, the holder, before a 6,000 crowd. With his right hand injured and deadened with drugs, Hecht used a raking left to keep off the French challenger. This light machine-gun kept Colin at bay for the first five rounds, then he began to work in close to the Berliner. Behind on points, Colin kept up the pressure and split the German's eye during the eleventh.

Faced with imminent danger, Hecht set his teeth and fired the right during the twelfth. The local bounced on the deck three times and his corner slung in the towel at the opening of the thirteenth.

▶ **Liege, Belgium**—Jean Renard caused something of a sensation here when he successfully defended his national bantam title against Belgium's No. 1, Pierre Cossemyns. Both men fought like tigers, Renard leading during the first six heats, the challenger coming through strongly at the finish.

In a fifteen-round bout, Cossemyns must have won. As it was, a warning for rough tactics lost him the decision in what was a very close scrap. Cossemyns now intends to make another invasion of Australia. Pierre Wouters won a narrow verdict over the German welter, Werner Handke, in a hard ten-rounder.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

BELFAST—No sooner had referee Tommy Little raised the hand of Charlie Hill, Cambuslang, 125¾, as winner in the British Featherweight Title contest with Billy "Spider" Kelly, Derry, 125½, than a riot broke out and chairs, bottles, and other missiles were thrown into the ring as the crowd showed its disapproval of the decision. Several fights broke out, and referee Little had to be concealed under the ring and then smuggled out of the hall for his safety. It was a disgusting display of "sportsmanship" and there is every likelihood that there will be no further boxing held in Kings' Hall.

Meanwhile, as to the bout itself. There was very little in it at the finish, but it did seem that Hill was a lucky winner, for he had been floored and Kelly finished by far the stronger. Kelly was warned several times for holding, and this may have well cost him the fight.

Jimmy Brown, Belfast, 126½, stopped Henk Klok, Holland, 125¾, in the fourth session, when the Hollander's seconds skied the towel to save their man further punishment. . . . John Smillie, Fauldhouse, 119½, stopped George O'Niell, Belfast, 121, in the fifth. . . . Vincent O'Kline, West Africa, 149½, knocked out George Lavery, Belfast, 160¼, in the second round. . . . Willie Armstrong, Port Glasgow, 171½, outpointed Garnett Denny, Belfast, 177½, over eight rounds. . . . Malcolm Grant, Glasgow, 117, outpointed Dave Lyttle, Belfast, 119½, over six rounds.

▶ HARRINGAY ARENA—Never before have I witnessed such scenes as followed referee Ben Green's decision in the contest between Kid Gavilan, Cuba, 147½, and Peter Waterman, Clapham, 147½, who met over the ten rounds course.

This was Waterman's biggest test to date and although he put up a very creditable performance against the ex World Champion, to my way of reckoning, he was never likely to defeat the wily Cuban. In fact, I gave him two rounds against Gavilan's seven, with one round even. Consequently when Referee Green raised Waterman's hand without any hesitation at all at the close, I wondered if I was seeing things.

Apparently the packed Harringay Arena crowd felt the same way, for after a hushed silence while the result sank in, there was a sudden upsurge of noise which gave way into the most vehement disapproval I have ever seen. I cannot begin to describe the behavior of the ringsiders, and indeed the demonstration of indignation outside the ring was only matched by that given by Gavilan's manager Yamil Chamade who wanted to fight everybody. Ultimately order was restored and the program was able to continue. A BBBC Official Enquiry into the decision ended with the retirement of Referee Green.

British Empire Featherweight Champion Hogan Bassey, Nigeria, 126½, scored a good win when he stopped Jean Sneyers, Belgium, 127¼, in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder. Sneyers retired with a damaged nose which was afterwards found to be broken. . . . Joe Lucy, Mile End, 134¾, won his final eliminating contest for the British Lightweight Title, when he knocked out Gordon Goodman, Christchurch, 134¾, in the third of a scheduled twelve rounder. A left hook to the jaw did the trick, and Goodman went down obviously unable to beat the count. . . . Lew Lazar, Aldgate, 159½, stopped Stanislas Pasek, France, 156½, in the seventh of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Bobby Neill, Paddington, 127½, who is rapidly coming to the fore, scored a good points win over Danny Dawson, Sheffield, 130, over the eight rounds course. . . . Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 136¾, was narrowly outpointed by Teddy Best, Cardiff, 136, over six rounds. . . . Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 145¾, stopped Peter Ratcliffe, Bristol, 147¾, in the sixth session.

▶ NEWCASTLE—Kitiona Lave, Tonga, 201¼, made short work of Hans Brendemuhl, Germany, 224, when he knocked out the 6 ft. 4 in. Hamburger in the second of a scheduled ten round bout. Lave, who is developing into a threat to the top-line European heavyweights, hit much too hard for the game German, who took heavy punishment before taking the full count.

Peter Aldridge, Doncaster, 176½, was unlucky when after being ahead on points in his contest with Neville Rowe, Blackpool, 175¼, he was forced to retire in the fifth round with a damaged eyebrow. . . . Jim McGuiness, Glasgow, outpointed Colin Stirzaker, Middlesborough, over six rounds. . . . Martin Tolan, Easington, 136, and Johnny McLaren, Glasgow, 139, drew over six rounds. . . . Jackie Colpitts, Choppington, 165½, outscored Jock McCauley, Heddon, 153, over six.

▶ WILLENHALL—Peter Ratcliffe, Bristol, 148½, stopped Jack Armstrong, Gold Coast, 148, in the fifth, after Armstrong had taken three long counts and was being heavily punished. . . . Clarke Meller, Stockport, 172, kiocked out Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, 175, in the third. . . . Eddie Sykes, Huddersfield, 151½, outscored Harry Mason, Brierley Hill, 153, over six. . . . Jack Johnson Cofie, Gold Coast, 160, outpointed Harry Warner, Dagenham, 163, over six rounds. . . . Colin Spittle, Brierley Hill, 152, boxed well to notch a six rounds points win over Fredie Balio, Gambia, 166. . . . Roy Akwei, Nigeria, 136½, outpointed Rat Ratcliffe, Bristol, 136, over four fierce rounds.

▶ BLACKPOOL—Gerry McNally, Liverpool, 159½, outpointed Dick Tiger, Nigeria, 161, over ten rounds. . . . Tommy Turner, Manchester, 158, outpointed Jack Thomas, Liverpool, 157, over four rounds. . . . Chris Howson, Lancaster, 142, knocked out Brian Petherwick, Preston, 145, in the first. . . . Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 121, outpointed Mickey King, Belfast, 121, over six rounds.

▶ BELFAST—Jim Hamilton, Belfast, 137½, won from Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 139½, in the fourth round when Cowan was disqualified for striking his opponent after a knockdown, before the referee had said "box on". . . . Charlie Congrove, Belfast, 148½, outpointed Bobby Gill, Jamaica, 149½, over eight rounds. . . . Jackie Davidson, Belfast, 136½, won a tough six rounder from Jim Feeney, Banbridge, 137. . . . Benny Vaun, Belfast, 123½, stopped Barney Friel, Belfast, 124, in the fifth. . . . Al Thomas, Belfast, 136½ stopped Joe McAuley, Belfast, 136, in the opening round.

▶ HANLEY—Clarke Meller, Stockport, 173, and Ted Williams, Huddersfield, 177, slugged it out the hard way for six non-stop rounds before the referee gave his decision as a draw. . . . Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, 175, knocked out Frank Priest, Northampton, 175, in the first session. . . . Gerald Jones, Preston, 118, won a six rounds points decision over Barry Ward, Nottingham, 121½. . . . Charlie Odumasi, Gold Coast, 121½, stopped Dave Walsh, Belfast, 121, in the fourth. . . . Frankie Webb, Preston, 147, and Les Garbett, Canneck, 145, drew over six rounds.

▶ CARMARTHEN—British and Empire Flyweight Champion Dai Dower, 115½, boxed extremely well to score a hit-and-run verdict over Henri Schmid, France, 113½, ten rounds. The bout offered little but Dower was in precise form and was a clear winner. . . . Neville Rowe, Australia, 175, and Sam Langford, Nigeria, 173, drew over eight rounds. . . . Billy James, Tegryn, 137½, stopped John Saunders, Carmarthen, 140, in the second. . . . Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 137, outpointed Ansong Mensah, Gold Coast, 137, over eight rounds. . . . Pat McCoy, Galway, 124, and Bryn Phillips, Fishguard, 136, drew over eight rounds.

▶ BIRMINGHAM—Frankie Parkes, Beeston, 133, 36-year-old veteran Midland Area Lightweight Champion, successfully defended his title when he outpointed Ray Corbett, Birmingham, 133, over twelve pleasing rounds. . . . Billy Conn, Birmingham, 206½, outpointed Colin Strauch, South Africa, 185½, over six rounds. . . . Kevin Duffy, Hillingdon, 137, outpointed Martin Tolan, Easington, 137½, over six rounds. . . . Ken Ashwood, Derby, 148, outscored Teddy Teal, Doncaster, 148½, over six. . . . Frank Webb, 148, outpointed Colin Spittle, Bierley Hill, 153, over six rounds. . . . Steve Gee, Nottingham, 147, knocked out Heddy Searle, Hackney, 145, in the first round.

▶ WEMBLY—Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 134½, fought hard for six rounds before outpointing Maurice Murfitt, Little Downham, 139. . . . Billy Kiernan, Shephards Bush, 146½, and Eddie Quill, Stepney, 148¼, shared honors in six rounds. . . . Johnny Lomey, Euston, 137½, and Johnn Phillips, Covent Gardens, 134¾, were having a tough fight when Lomey's glove split, and as the hour was late, referee Pat Phillips took the unusual step of declaring the bout a draw in the fifth session. . . . Tony Chellis, Euston, 142½, outpointed Eddie Baker, Bournemouth, 144½, over six. . . . Vispi Banaji, India, 154, outpointed Don Williams, Southall, 154, over six rounds.

▶ WEST HAM BATHS—Arthur Howard, Islington, 177, was punishing Terry Gooding, Cardiff, 173½, heavily, when in the fourth session Gooding was disqualified for allegedly going down without a blow being struck. . . . Dennis Hinson, West Ham, 136¼, outboxed Teddy Best, Cardiff, 135¼, over eight rounds. . . . Vic Bowyer, Hornchurch, 143, knocked out Buster Gaffney, Croydon, 143, in the fourth session. . . . Terry Toole, Hackney, 125½, outpointed Jimmy McAteer, Ireland, 126¼, over six rounds. . . . Wally Scott, West Ham, 163, knocked out Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 160½, in the first round. . . . Johnny Millington, Channel Islands, outpointed Joe Summerville, Berkhampstead, in the final six rounder.

▶ EPSOM—Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 145½, took a narrow points decision over Paul Battersea, 150¼, over eight fast rounds. . . . Dennis Read, Norwood, 151, outscored Bobby Johnson, Plymouth, 150¾, over eight.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

TO MARCH 15, 1956

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Don Cockell (E)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Pat McAteer (E)	George Barnes (A)
2. James J. Parker (C)	Ron Barton (E)	Mike Holt (SA)	Hector Constance (T)
3. Jack Gardner (E)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Attu Clottey (WA)
4. Johnny Williams (E)	Gordon Wallace (C)	Lew Lazar (E)	Vincent O'Kine (WA)
5. Joe Erskine (W)	Albert Finch (E)	Billy Ellaway (E)	Yama Bahama (B)
6. Henry Cooper (E)	Terrence Murphy (E)	Les Allen (E)	Peter Waterman (E)
7. Joe Bygraves (E)	Arthur Howard (E)	Eddie Thomas (SA)	Benny Nieuwenhuizen (SA)
8. Kitione Lave (To)	Ed (Polly) Smith (E)	Jimmy Elliott (SA)	Wally Thom (E)
9. Dick Richardson (W)	Joveci Bau (F)	Billy McDonnell (A)	Barry Brown (NZ)
10. Brian London (E)	Johnny Halifihi (TO)	Lou Lawrence (C)	Peter King (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Peter Keenan (S)	Dai Dower (W)
2. Richie Howard (C)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Kevin James (A)	Jake Tuli (SA)
3. Johnny v.Rensburg (SA)	Alby Tissong (SA)	Bobby Sinn (A)	Teddy Rainbow (A)
4. Armand Savoie (C)	Charley Hill (S)	Fernando Gagnon (C)	Frank Bennett (A)
5. Solly Cantor (C)	Billy Kelly (I)	Jimmy Cardew (E)	Jimmy Quinn (S)
6. Joe Lucy (E)	Jimmy Black (T)	David Gogotya (SA)	Dennis Adams (SA)
7. Sammy McCarthy (E)	Teddy Peckham (E)	John Smillie (S)	Garry Jooste (SA)
8. Gordon Goodman (E)	Jimmy Brown (I)	George O'Neill (I)	Frank Jones (S)
9. Frank Johnson (E)	Matt Fulton (S)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Malcolm McLeod (E)
10. Colin Clarke (A)	Bobby Neil (S)	George Dormer (E)	Dick Currie (S)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (B) Barbados; (BE) Bermuda; (BG) British Guiana; (BH) British Honduras; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (GC) Gold Coast; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (WA) West Africa.

. . Wally Beckett, Carshalton, 173½, outpointed Jack Cofie, Gold Coast, 164, over six rounds. . . . Ron Everett, Hounslow, 141, outpointed Johnny Cheadle, Portsmouth, 138, over six. . . . Dave Goodwin, Bournemouth, 127¾, and Albert Stokes, Battersea, 130½, drew over six rounds. . . . Stan Hooker, Bournemouth, 162½, outpointed Frank Bassenger, Bournemouth, 166, over six rounds.

▶MIDDLESBOROUGH—Tony Lord, Liverpool, 182, made a winning debut in the heavyweight ranks when he stopped Manuel Burgo, North Shields, 193, in the first round. Burgo retired with a badly gashed eyebrow. . . . Eric Metcalfe, Northwich, 177, and Al Allotey, Gold Coast, 174, drew over eight rounds. . . . Frankie Sayers, Newcastle, 124, was unable to come out for the sixth round of his contest with Johnny McGrory, Glasgow, 134, and left McGrory the winner. . . . Colin Stirzaker, Middlesborough, 151, outpointed Jack Vickers, Middlesborough, 146, over four rounds. . . . Jimmy Lewis, Manchester, 117, outpointed Joe Barnett, North Shields, 123, over four.

▶BLACKPOOL—Nye Ankrah, Gold Coast, 127, outpointed Percy James, Southport, 126½, in eight interesting rounds. . . . Ted Williams, Huddersfield, 174, stopped Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, 173½, in the third of a scheduled six rounder. . . . Bobby Davies, Lancaster, 112, stopped Brian Duckles, Hull, 113½, in the first. . . . Don Martin, Formby, 139, stopped Ray Danbridge, Huddersfield, 140, in the fourth. . . . Ron Kilshaw, Blackpool, 146¾, outpointed Ron Allway, Huddersfield, 146½, over four rounds. . . . Stan Barnett, Newton-le-Willows, 142½, knocked out Bobby Gill, Birkenhead, 145½, in the first.

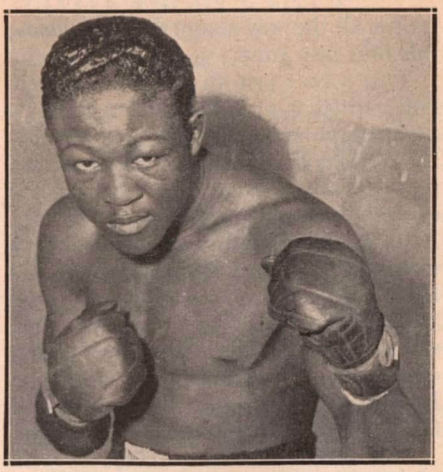
▶MANCHESTER—Johnny Miller, North Shields, 138½, and Johnny Butterworth, Rochdale, 135¾, had a terrific set-to over eight rounds, with neither lad giving way. The referee's decision was a draw. . . . Santos Martins, Nigeria, 147, stopped Peter Smith, Huddersfield, 150¼, in the fourth, when Smith retired with a cut mouth. . . . Len Lowther, Doncaster, 159, lost on points to Jimmy Lynas, Coventry, 160, over eight rounds. . . . Billy Ashcroft, Wigan, 128, knocked out Pat McCarthy, Birkenhead, 128¼, in the second round. . . . Jeff Dudu, Nigeria, 147, outpointed Phil Mellish, Stalybridge, 148¼, over six rounds. . . . Jack Cardno, Doncasyer, 124½, outpointed Gerry Jones, Preston, 118½, over four rounds.

▶WALSALL—George Roe, Wolverhampton, 161, won a scrambling eight rounder over Stan Lotriet, South Africa, 170½. . . . Andy Baird, Birmingham, 141, outpointed Jimmy McLaughlin, Hackney, 128½, over six rounds. . . . Sammy Armstrong, West Africa, 147, outpointed Jimmy Stimpson, Tipton, 147, over six rounds. . . . Paddy Delargy, Warwick, 168, knocked out Jimmy Millington, Channel Islands, 163, in the third. . . . Jack Whittacker, Warwick, 172, outpointed Frank Priest, Northampton, 174, over four rounds. . . . Billy Allport, Walsall, 129, and Jimmy McAteer, Belfast, 128, drew over six rounds.

▶BELFAST—Jimmy Carson, Belfast, 120¼, scored an easy win over Ogli Tettey, Gold Coast, 119, when the referee halted the bout in the sixth of an eight rounder. . . . Jimmy Fisher, Belfast, 133, knocked out Mike Feeney, Banbridge, 127½, in the fourth. . . . Charlie Cosgrove, Belfast, 148½, stopped Sam Thompson, Belfast, 148½, in the fourth. . . . Danny Hatton, Belfast, 141, knocked out Jim Taggart, Lisburn, 141¼, in the second. . . . Al Thomas, Belfast, 135, knocked out Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 136, in the second session.

▶BLACKPOOL—Dick Knox, Motherwell, 137½, boxed extremely well to outpoint Roy Akwei, Gold Cost, 137, over eight rounds. . . . Stan Barnett, Newton-le-Willows, 140, stopped Don Martin, Formby, 137, in the eighth. . . . Ray Danbridge, Huddersfield, 146, won over Brian Petherwick, Preston, 145, when the referee disqualified Petherwick for alleged butting . . . Jimmy Lewis, Manchester, 116, outpointed Bobby Davies, Lancaster, 112, over four rounds.

▶LIVERPOOL STADIUM—Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 160, scored a comfortable points win over Jimmy Lygett, Germany, 151¼, over ten interesting rounds. . . . Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 124½, and Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 122, fought hard for six rounds to a draw. . . . Derek Clarke, Burnley, 140, scored a good points win over Jimmy Cottrill, Birkenhead, 141, over six rounds. . . . Kenny Thomas, Covent Garden, 129½, stopped Jack Josephs, Belfast, 129, in the fifth. . . . Tony McRorey, Glasgow, 138, outpointed Mike Coen, Dublin, 143, over four rounds. . . Benny Vaun, Belfast, 123¼, lost narrowly on points to Alf Lister, Manchester, 129½, over four rounds.



Former world welterweight champion Kid Gavilan came out on the short end of an unpopular decision in a bout with Peter Waterman in London. Following the bout, Referee Ben Green was retired due to advanced age.

▶NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB—Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 135¾, outpointed Sammy Bonnici, Stepney, 130½, over eight dullish rounds. . . . George Whelan, Chiswick, 137, outpointed Eddie Baker, Bournemouth, 144, over six hard fought rounds. . . . Johnny Loney, Euston, 136½, outscored Johnny Cheatle, Porthsmouth, 136½, over six rounds. . . . Jack Armstrong, Gold Coast, 146½, stopped Frank O'Brien, Galway, 144½, in the second round, when the latter received a badly cut eyebrow. . . . Alf Drew, Hackney, 127¼, outpointed Teddy Barker, Swindon, 127¾, in a six rounds waltz.

▶SPADDING—Jack Johnson Cofie, Nigeria, 161, stopped Malcolm Affleck, Guildford, 164, in the first session when Affleck received a badly gashed eyebrow. . . . Albert Stokes, Battersea, 129½, and Barry Ward, Nottingham, 122, drew over six rounds. . . . Ernie Fossey, Islington, 127, outpointed Tommy Macormac, Ayr, 129, over eight rounds.

▶PRESTON—Willie Armstrong, Port Glasgow, 165½, recovered well from a nine count in the opening round of his bout with Rocco King, Askern, 160¾, and was well on top by the sixth round when a perfectly timed left put King down and out for the full count. . . . Colin Clitheroe, Preston, 112¼, outpointed Jim Loughrey, Londonderry, 113½, over eight rounds. . . . Ernie Martland, Doncaster, 166, stopped Bobby Rhodes, Preston, 156½, in the fourth of a scheduled six rounder. . . . Chris Rock, Choppington, 196, stopped Frank Fallon, Ashton-in-Mskerfield, 185, in the third. . . . Alf Cotton, Preston, 128¾, knocked out Billy Spittle, Pontefract, 129, in the first. . . . Derek Reynolds, Blackpool, 150, knocked out Charlie Hadley, Preston, 146½, in the fourth.

▶GREAT YARMOUTH—Leo Maloney, Hillingdon, 148¾, boxed a well thought out campaign to outpoint Johnny Fish, Harlow 149¾, over eight. . . . Billy Coulter, Woolwich, 155½, knocked out Ralph Scott, Barbadoes, 161¾, in the first round. . . . Clive Campling, Norwich, 138, outpointed Kevin Duffy, Hillingtondon, 137, over six. . . Fred Britton, Kings Lynn, 168, stopped Fred Jackson, Haslingfield, 160, in the second. . . . Joe Somerfield, Berkhampstead, 156, outpointed Morley Nightingale, Wicken, 158, over six rounds. . . . Brian White, Ciaster, 133¼, and Perry Johans, Harrow, 135, drew over six rounds.

▶BUXTON—Johnny Barr, Stockport, 126, outpointed Dave Walsh, Belfast, 122, over six closely contested rounds. . . . Clark Mellor, New Mills, 172½, won from Ken Burt, Doncaster, 173, when the latter was disqualified in the third round for persistent holding. . . . Ted Williams, Huddersfield, 175, outpointed Colin Strauch, South Africa, 182, over six rounds. . . . Trevor Sykes, Huddersfield, 154½, outpointed Ken Lancaster, Rotherham, 155½, over six rounds. . . . Harry Hunter, Belfast, 124, won from Gus McLean, Buxton, 126, when the latter was disqualified in the third for alleged misuse of the head.

▶LIVERPOOL STADIUM—Tommy Molley, Liverpool, 147½, outpointed Teddy Barrow, Swansea, 149, over eight rounds. . . . Ron Greb, Liverpool, 137½, knocked out Jeff Walters, Scarborough, 135½, in the fourth. . . . Johnny Barr, Stockport, 124, outpointed Billy Gibson, Doncaster, 123, in their return six rounder. . . . Eddie Sykes, Huddersfield, 150, outpointed Harry Mason, Birmingham, 151½, over four rounds. . . . Colin Spittle, Brierley Hill, 151½, scored a good points win over Jack Thomas, Liverpool, 156, over four.

▶KETTERING—Ken Ashwood, Derby, 144, survived a long count in the eighth and last round to outpoint Cliff Lawrence, Rotherham, 142. . . . Stan Davis, Burton, 116, outpointed Ken Burt, Doncaster, 171, over six rounds. . . . Derek Lawes, Chatteris, 160, was stopped in two rounds by Ken Lancaster, Doncaster, 142. . . . Steven Gee, Nottingham, 148, outpointed Ossie Wilson, Northampton, 144, over six rounds. . . . Don Bellamy, Wolaston, took seven counts before the referee halted his contest with Barry Ward, Nottingham, 126, in the first round, leaving Ward the winner. . . . Tony Williams, Wellingboro, 110,, and Jerry Parker, Beeston, 110, drew over six rounds.

▶BELFAST—Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 139½, and Jim Hamilton, Belfast, 138½, had a slug-it-out battle in which both boys took long and extensive trips to the canvas before Cowan pulled one out of the bag and stretched Hamilton out for the full count in the sixth. . . . Jim Fisher, Belfast, 129¾, and Matt Fulton, Coatbridge, 129½, drew over eight rounds. . . . Jim "Spike" McCormick, Belfast, 127½, stopped Arty White, Bangor, 132½, in the second. . . . Tommy Emberson, Bangor, 115½, stopped Benny Vaun, Belfast, 122, in the second. . . . Cecil Martin, Belfast, 133, knocked out Paddy Quail, Belfast, 134½, in the second round.

▶BIRMINGHAM—Al Browne, British Guiana, 138, came in as a last minute substitute for Sammy McCarthy, Stepney, who was incapacitated, and fought extremely well to lose narrowly on points to Johnny Mann, Birmingham, 135, over eight rounds. . . . Ken Rowlands, Mardy, 172, outpointed Sammy Langford, West Africa, 171, over eight rounds.

Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 134, outpointed Willie Lloyd, Brecon, 134, over eight rounds. . . . Len Reece, Cardiff, 114, knocked out Bobby Robinson, Newcastle, 113, in the second. . . . George Roe, Wolverhampton, 162, outpointed Jimmy Lynas, Coventry, 162, over eight rounds. . . . Andy Baird, Birmingham, 135, stopped Ray Mann, West Africa, 137, in the fifth. . . . George Whelan, Acton, 138, outpointed Gerry McSaravick, Belfast, 142½, over six rounds.

▶NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB — Len Lowther, Doncaster, 157½, and Peter Longo, Covent Gardens, 157¾, put up a very exciting eight rounder that had the spectators on their toes throughout. Lowther got the points decision, but both lads shared £45 tosed into the ring by enthusiastic patrons. . . . Bobby Boland, Dundee, 129, made a welcome reappearance when he outboxed and outfought Malcolm Ames, Croydon, 129, to get the eight rounds points decision. . . . Terry Bellamy, West Ham, 147½, outpointed Vic Smith, Croydon, 144½, over six. . . . Terry McHale, Liverpool, 121½, outpointed Harry Griver, Hackney, 120, over six. . . . Sammy Williams, British Guiana, 140, outpointed Johnny Phillips, Covent Garden, 135, over six rounds.

▶CAMBERWELL—Bobby Neill, Edinburgh, 127, scored his best win to date and showed that he is becoming a force to be reckoned within the featherweight ranks, when he knocked out Billy Ashcroft, Wigan, 127, in the first of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Charlie Tucker, Camberwell, 127¾, stopped Nye Ankrah, Gold Coast, 126, in the fourth. . . . Barney Beale, Lambeth, 137¾, outpointed Johnny Lomey, Euston, 136½, over eight rounds. . . . Peter Sexton, Charlton, 126, stopped Dave Walsh, Belfast, 122½, in the fifth.

▶WEST BROMWICH—Eddie Phillips, Edinburgh, 149, outpointed Bobby Johnson, Plymouth, 148½, over eight rounds. . . . Abe Stanley, Poole, 174, knocked out Frank Priest, Northampton, 175, in the first. . . . Teddy Barker, Swindon, 134, outpointed Albert Stokes, Battersea, 130, over six rounds. . . . Stan Hooker, Poole, 163½, outpointed Frank Bassenger, Poole, 166, over six. . . . Dave Goodwin, Poole, 129, outpointed Billy Allport, Walsall, 131, over six rounds.

▶BLACKPOOL — Frankie Jones, Scotland, 113, outpointed Malcolm McLeod, 112, over eight fierce rounds. . . . Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 123, and Frankie Sayers, Newcastle, 123, were having a hard contest before Sayers lost on a disqualification for an alleged low blow in the fourth session. . . . Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 123, stopped Jimmy Lewis, Manchester, 122½, in the fourth. . . . Jimmy Cottrill, Birkenhead, 141, knocked out Roy Allway, Huddersfield, 144, in the third. . . . Gerry Jones, Wigan, 115, outpointed Bobby Davies, Lancaster, 111½, over four rounds. . . . Ron Barnard, Carlisle, 142, outpointed Walter Corsini, Italy, 138, over four rounds.

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WHY TODAY'S FIGHTERS ARE DIRTY

(*Continued from page 7*)

dunno," Murphy said, "I must have blown my nose."

HEELING AND THUMBING FREQUENTLY PRACTICED

It should be explained for the layman, in this connection, that an eye can puff from blowing the nose. There's a duct connecting them. Poor Murphy was so baffled that he blamed himself.

Fully as difficult to single out as evil practice is the use of the heel of the glove to aggravate a cut caused by colliding heads.

In the older days of the art, this was accomplished coming out of a clinch. No stress, no strain, no tipoff. But, you'd see them come apart and what previously might have been a trickle of blood became a cascade.

Wha' hoppin? The artist merely had slid his palm up against the cut leaving the clinch.

Let it be clearly understood, however, that the effective trickster didn't limit himself to any one chore. He ran a wide gamut. Among favorite techniques was the "follow-up" to a punch.

Armstrong, who had his gripe against Zivic, worked up terrific momentum going forward. And, when one of his punches missed, he couldn't very well bring his swing to a sudden halt. The elbow came around, then the shoulder.

GREB A MASTER IN THUMBING TECHNIQUE

The late Harry Greb, famed for his windmill offense, likewise brought auxiliary weapons into play. Many protested bitterly but, to the onlooker, it was a situation similar to that in the popular song, Love and Marriage, ". . . you can't have one without the other." To have curtailed his elbows and shoulders would have been to bring his punching to a dead halt. Besides, who was keen enough to say where one ended and the other started?

There also were subtle forms of taking advantage of an opponent, one of which was almost the exclusive property of Tommy Loughran, one of the brainiest of the brainy. Intent upon making his opponent do most of the work, Tommy would herd him over to his (Loughran's) corner as a round neared its close. Clang! All the old master had to do was plump down onto the stool. The other pool bloke had to traipse all the way across the ring, losing valuable rest time.

This wasn't just an accident. Loughran learned it at home practicing to a phonograph record which he'd timed.

Another derivative of the ancients' sense of anticipation was spinning the other fellow against the ropes.

It is almost impossible to move a man with his feet firmly planted but these wideawake competitors could sense when their foes relaxed, then would come a quick prod of the left elbow with the right hand or vice versa. Result: —the aggressor suddenly would find himself with his back at the ropes.

Still another favorite maneuver with a tint of illegality was stepping on the opponent's toes. Even if the victim had iron ankles, he was pinned down like a truck sliding onto a soft shoulder of a country highway. Moreover, guilt was difficult to establish. The offender was up and away before the referee's attention could be called.

Anybody with more than brief memory also can recall the way in which yesteryear's fighters could hold and yet cause their rivals to take the rap. Any of them knew it . . . slipping their arms inside of looped elbows and pressing against them, with body pressure . . . the harder the sufferer tried to pull it, the more it seemed he was doing the wrestling and the hauling.

WRESTLING AND HAULING VIEWED OFTEN ON TV

Wrestling and hauling—that's what you see too much of today, isn't it?

But consider the difference in circumstances. The current kids don't get into it by design. They're orphans of the storm, propelled into their plight by eagerness parlayed with lack of understanding.

The tragedy is emphasized by the frequency with which these things occur in spotlighted TV fights, where the prestige and money involved should produce completely professional performance.

One of the best young lightweights today—and most highly ranked—is Frankie Ryff, New York product. He's already had half a dozen national video shots, yet Frankie gets tangled up in as many scrambly fights as the average prelim boy. He and his protagonist often are a mess of arms and bumping heads, to Ryff's regret. Despite all, he is not a brawler, he is a boxer, with fast hands and good legs—when he uses them.

Were he to inject poise in place of impatience, Frankie could harness his excellent left hand to set up a right cross. Maintaining steadiness where he now goes to panic, he could make a chopping block of low-slung crowders simply by taking one step back and meeting same with a right uppercut.

CHANGE OF TACTICS BROUGHT ON BY JEERS

It is foolish to suggest that you can't teach a young 'un new tricks when there are older ones around who have shaken off crude habits and made themselves better for the public.

A few years ago, Johnny Saxton was a chronic grabber, a louser-upper. Twice in Madison Square Garden fights of his were stopped by displeased referees. Even when he won the welter title from Kid Gavilan, he left the folks cold as an Arctic afternoon.

Here pride entered his system. He made the most spectacular try of his pro career the night he lost the crown to Tony DeMarco in the spring of 1955. He disdained the clutch, fought every inch of the distance. In a later fight with Tiger Jones, he again was clean cut in his moves.

Still another case in point is Rocky Castellani, for a long while a bunny-hugging middlewight who left a dark brown taste when winning—and he usually won.

Rocky snapped out of it when he challenged Bobo Olson for the championship in 1954 and, though failing, made friends and influenced people. The following summer he was a rip-tearer against Sugar Ray Robinson, flooring the comebacker and losing a splitter. It was a starkly tougher night for Robinson than Sugar's easy snipping of the laurels from Olson's thinned locks late in 1955.

Whether or not Castellani gets to the throne room again, he proved the point—Style isn't necessarily something a fighter is born with. It can be the result of what a fighter puts into his effort when he realizes that he's not going over—and does something about it.

But how many comprehend when they err?

A casual turn through a gym anywhere in the country highlights their mistakes of omission.

GYM TECHNIQUE OFTEN FORGOTTEN IN RING BOUTS

Every workout is a bing, bang war . . . you'd think there were important advancement in pounding each other with the big pillows. The fact is they wear themselves out before their time.

Missed entirely are the sessions of schooling, the patient repetition of good moves so that these blend into habits. Missed is the listening to random conversations by devoted veterans interested in boxing for itself and not just the next payday.

As a consequence, when these kids get into a bout in view of the customers they fight as they've been training. Add the tension which is inevitable when someone isn't sure of himself and you have a sloppy show.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
by Charlie Longo

T/SGT. GIRARD D. McCARTHY IS NOW STATIONED IN TRIPOLI, North Africa, and is doing a little fighting as a middleweight. McCarthy, who lives in Braintree, Mass., fought also as a hight-heavy and is in the Air Force.

▶ Boston Garden: 19-year-old Larry Boardman of Marlboro, Conn., turned in a great uphill battle to punch his way to an upset ten-round split decision over world lightweight king, Wallace (Bld) Smith of Cincinnati, in a thrilling brawling non-title fight. Smith twice decked his young foe and had him on the verge of a knockout in the second round but Larry fought back to win as he was cheered on by the crowd.

In the co-featured ten, Bobby Murphy, Brighton's 23-year-old "Rookie of the Year," added the New England welterweight crown to his laurels by winning a unanimous decision over Jackie O'Brien of Meriden, Conn., in a slow, listless bout.

Iggy Vaccari, 149, East Boston, recently returned from over two years of Army service, outscored Dave Grant, 152, Boston, 6; Fred Terry, 157, Philadelphia, halted Tommie Smith, 156, Providence, in the fifth, and Alfredo Jimenez, 120½, Mexico, and Cliff Brown, 122, Boston, drew, in 4.

▶ Boston Garden: The two-week regime of Bobby Murphy as N. E. welterweight champion came to a surprising end as he was soundly trounced by Walter Byars of Roxbury, Mass. Walter, an overgrown lightweight, handed Bob his first pro loss and a one-sided beating, winning 9 of the 10 rounds.

Bobby McHugh, 157½, Brighton, ran up his 15th straight win as he halted Don Southern, 145, Middletown, R. I., in 1.05 of the fifth. Bobby floored his foe six times. Bob Woodall, 211½, punched his way to a unanimous decision over Roy Bullock, 190, Freeport, L. I., 8; Eddie Connors, 149½, returned to action after a year's layoff and had a soft one in Jackie Silvers, 153, New York. Silvers went down five times before referee Tommy Collins stopped it in the second round. Mickey Dwyer, 150½, Boston, stopped Roy Allison, 150, Boston, in the fourth.

▶ Bangor, Maine: High ranking welterweight contender, Vince Martinez, 152, Paterson, N. J., toyed with game but outclassed Paolo Melis, 150, Montreal, to win a one-sided ten-round decision. Vince floored Melis in the fourth. A small 14-foot ring was used and it cramped the speedy Martinez's style.

Cisco Holly, 147½, Providence, stopped Babe McCarron, 153, Brownville Junction, in the sixth; Aime Morin, 136, Lewiston, kayoed Milo Blizzard, 136, Frederickton, N. B., 1; Paul Martin, Lewiston, halted Bobby Murphy, Belfast, in the 3rd, and Lennie Stevens, 176, Portland, kayoed Young Carlos, 199, Providence, in two. A large crowd of over 5,200 strong paid $6,200 to see the first boxing show staged in Bangor in over a year.

BOXING IN THE CAROLINAS
By Chris Cline

SPARTANBURG ARENA: HENRY (PAPPY) GAULT, 119¾, SPARTANBURG, looked like his own self as he fought his way to a unanimous ten round decision over tough Bobby Singleton, 119, Philadelphia. Gault, who suffered a broken right hand in the seventh, had Bobby in a bad way in the eighth and ninth rounds but was unable to finish him.

In another ten, Cliff Eskridge, 108½, Cario, Ill., the best flyweight in the States, stopped Johnny Martin, 129½, Baltimore, in the end of the eighth. Despite the 20 pound plus weight disadvantage, Cliff gave his bigger foe a sound beating. In the third ten, veteran Greenville, middleweight Bill Godfrey was too ringwise for young Gerry Campbell, 155, Spartanburg, and stopped him in the sixth. Joe Thomas, 176, Darlington, looked impressive in blasting out John Greenhill, 173, Durham, N. C., in 1:25 of the third. A crowd of over 1,700 fans saw an action packed card presented by promoter Dan Wicker.

▶ Florence, S. C.: Dream Ranch Barn: Jimmy Calcutt, 128½, Florence, scored a stunning kayo over Eddie Cole, 125, Houston, in 1:30 of the first round. A wicked left uppercut to the body finished the Ft. Jackson soldier. Cole was completely outclassed.

John Williams, 154, Florence, halted Cyclone Williams, 151, Columbia, in the fourth, and Ben Singletary, 147, Florence, and Willie James, 151, Columbia, fought six fast rounds to a draw.

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LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Eddie Beck

STEVE MARCELLO, AGILE HARD PUNCHING MIDDLEWEIGHT, scored an impressive K.O. victory over his arch rival, Bob Bolton. This was Marcello's second K.O. victory since he resumed boxing after a two year lay off.

▶ Sandy Saddler, featherweight king, used an educated left hook to cut up Curly Monroe's features, forcing the referee to stop the gory battle in the third canto. Monroe made a strong bid in the first round.

▶ Harold "Chubby" Gomes, New England feather king, punched hard and accurate to score a kayo over Pat Marcune, Brooklyn belter. Gomes continues to improve.

Rusty Davis beat Cisco Halley in a bristling scrap.

Don Vincent, local welter, beat Billy Mays of Boston and Pat Cody of this city. Bob Barksdale, Boston middle, beat Jackie Lee of Newark.

Bobby King, Boston middle, stopped Stan Micheaux in the sixth in a torrid go.

Willie Stevenson beat Al Daurte in a six.

Tony Tavares beat Joey Norda in four.

▶ Al Columbo's heavyweight prospect, Augie Turiano, has scored eight knockouts. Watch this boy.

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Less Huffman

WILD (BIG BILL) WEAVER WHO TOPPED A LOT OF BOXING SHOWS in the middle west, passed away at his home in Columbus, February 2.

▶ Mayor Ollie Czelusta of Toledo, sent to council for its consideration the names of five men whom he has nominated for retention on the Toledo boxing and wrestling commissions. He asks for the reappointment of John J. Jurski, and Phil Henning to the wrestling board and Ben Levine, Bernard Quilter and Joe G. Gallon to the boxing commission. Their new terms would expire on December 31, 1957.

▶ Otto Oelogetz was re-elected Chairman and Clayt Bailey Vice president at a meeting in the City Hall of the Columbus Boxing and Wrestling commission. Clovis Nogawick was elected to succeed Harvey Grooms, deceased as a recorder, Al Getxhel was re-elected Secretary.

▶ This is all for this time. Keep sending in your notes to the writer at Post Office 611, Station G, Columbus, Ohio.

MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULERS
By Joe Poodles, Sr.

THE POLICE BOYS CLUBS OF BALTIMORE won the team championship in the annual Maryland state amateur tournament held at the Baltimore Coliseum. Billy McLeod copped the "outstanding fighter" award. The winners in each division: 112-lb. James Royster; 119-lb. Major Ford; 125-lb. George Davis; 132-lb. Billy McLeod; 139-lb. Cornelius McPaul; 147-lb. Alexander Bland; 156-lb. Bill Powell; 165-lb. Jose Torres Riviera; 178-lb. James Jackson; Heavy . . . Clarance Froneberger.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

EDDIE O'HARA, 170 POUND BATTLER OF ROANOKE, scored an impressive knockout over Henery Ray, 166, of Charlotte, N. C. in the feature bout of the only professional card held this year at the Auditorium in Gastonia, North Carolina.

Virgil Peverall, 140, of Roanoke, fought a draw with Robert Oliphant, 135, of Charlotte, N. C.

Both O'Hara and Peverall serve as coaches and handlers for the Police Athletic League (amateur boxing team) in Roanoke.

▶ Coach Chief Bill Brennan (formerly coach of the famed USS Mississippi) now is doing shore duty as the coach of the Naval Air Station boxing team. In a team match with the experienced Fort Lee boxing squad, Brennan's novice experienced mittmen gained for the Norfolk based men a 3 to 3 decision.

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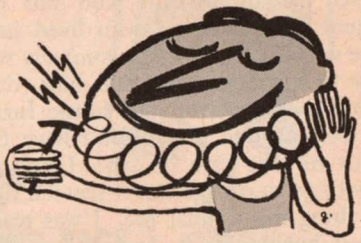

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BOXING IN UTAH
By Peter Giacoma

THE FIRST BOXING SHOW OF THE YEAR saw a nice turn out of better than 1,500 fans at the Fairgrounds Coliseum. Milo Savage, 160, Salt Lake City, The Ring's third ranking middleweight punched his way to a ten round nod over California State light heavyweight champion Esau Ferdinand, 162, Oakland. The fight was fought at a slow pace as both men did their best work in the in-fighting. The decision for Milo was unanimous 56-54, 56-54 and 52-47.

In the semi-final, Little Joe Louis, 155, Salt Lake City, stopped Hank Davis, 156, Tucson, in 1:46.4; Chuck Bradley, 180, Bingham Canyon, kayoed Willie Jones, 179, Los Angeles, in 2:38.1; Toby Salazar, 141, Salt Lake City, halted Keith Socis, 142, Bingham Canyon, in 1:54.2; Manuel Singh, 160, Salt Lake City, finished Clarence Prentice, 165, Salt Lake City, in 59.8.

An odd ending came about in the bout between Andy Maes, 156, Denver, and Duke Brickey, 155, Los Angeles. Maes won by a knockout in 1:11 of the third, but this is what happened. Brickey was dropped, but not hurt. However, instead of paying attention to the referee's count he was busy wigwagging to his corner and was still down at ten. Brickey jumped up at ten, and both he and the crowd were disgusted by the finish. It was the best fight of the night up till then, but referee Reed Nostrum was correct in his actions.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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mother in Port Arthur who was dependent upon me and who lived in a home which the mortgage company was ready to foreclose. Hospital bills, doctor bill, payments on our house furniture were all due yet I didn't have the money to take care of any. I wanted badly to go to college but it seemed that everything was against me. I was ready to quit boxing which hadn't been too successful a financial venture for me and then came my gift from Heaven.

"It was a partnership with Richard McClendon, Houston fight enthusiastic oil man and real estate operator whom I induced to manage me. He liked my boxing though he didn't care for my southpaw style and he agreed to take over. From that moment, the tide turned."

FIRST he paid off the mortgage on Paul's mother's home. Next he moved Paul and the family to Houston, paid the bills and started the kid off anew—without financial embarrassment. Finally he got Paul a job with the Ada Oil Co.

He has worked steadily there in the maintenance department as a starter and now in the sales department where he puts in two days and two nights per week to enable him to attend the University of Houston where he is taking a business administration and economics

He does his road work in the morning, trains an hour and a half daily in the college gym and when he has a fight, he takes extra time off from his business at his own expense. McClendon converted him from a southpaw to an orthodox style battler.

In one year, he has come up from what appeared like a sure failure to win the Texas featherweight crown, earn sufficient to pay back all of the money McClendon had laid out for him, put aside a bank roll of close to $20,000 and to gain the ninth ranking post in the Ring Magazine's world rating of featherweights by defeating Red Top Davis in a return bout by a split decision, the same manner in which he had lost to Davis in their first engagement.

BELGIANS BATTLE TO SAVE BOXING

Revolutionary rules designed to prevent the outlaw of boxing in Belgium have been placed before the Chamber of Deputies which has been considering the abolition of both amateur and professional pugilism. Discussion on outlawing the sport has been carried on with vigor for more than a year with the opposition almost on the verge of victory. Those who have been battling for the retention of boxing, have done so almost to the point of exhaustion.

As a final move, Brussels Deputy Dr. Robert Wostyn, an ardent supporter of pugilism, opposing a bill of Deputy Marcel Phillipart that would put an end to the sport, introduced a counter measure much along the lines of the regulations used in most states in America, with two exceptions. He incorporated a clause which calls upon those in control to have a boxer who commits a foul arrested and charged with assault and battery, and a two minutes rest period to take the place of the one now in use. I doubt that there will be any boxing in Belgium if his rule relative to fouls is passed.

Discussing his bill before the Public Health Committee, none of whose members, though in charge of boxing, has ever witnessed a bout according to the reports, Dr. Wostyn declared that his measure followed the pattern used by all American Boxing Commissions and the European Federation of Boxing, except for the clauses referred to above.

In addition, he promised to include stringent medical conditions and the presence at the ringside of a doctor with power to stop a fight without consulting the referee should the medical advisor consider the continuation of the contest dangerous for one or both of the contestants.

All of Belgium's fight enthusiasts are awaiting the outcome of this latest move to save the sport. Belgium has always been in the front line in matters pugilistic and if it were up to the citigens to vote on the topic, boxing would be assured a huge majority in support of its continuation.

WEIRD DECISIONS, NOT OPPONENT, SCARES MOORE

A decision that aroused the wrath of the British and rocked the Harringay Arena in London when Referee Ben Green named Londoner Peter Waterman, winner over Kid Gavilan, had its repercussions in the cancellation of the world light heavyweight title bout between Archie Moore and Yolande Pompay of the British West Indies. Now Jack Solomons, who promoted the Gavilan-Waterman affair and had arranged for the Moore contest, is up in arms over the damage he avers had been done by Archie's run-out.

Following a number of weird verdicts in which American boxers figured, one cannot blame Moore for protecting his interests. Foreigners have frequently shunned our country because they didn't think they would get a square shake from our officials, yet the records of international bouts staged in America speak for themselves. Invariably, it is the visitor who is favored.

Not many bouts in recent years brought such criticism against a referee as did that in the London bout which resulted in an edit by the British Boxing Board retiring the referee. The headlines in the British papers were sufficient to scare off Moore from defending his crown in London. That decision is certain to have a deep effect on Solomons' program for the importation of American talent to the British Isles. He'll find it tough to obtain top talent, especially a champion. I doubt that Moore will go through with his bout with Pompey, now reset for May from the original March date.

The catcalls and razzing directed at Green were little compared to the riot that followed the loss of the British featherweight title by Spider Kelly of Derry, Ulster, to Charlie Hill of Scotland in King's Hall, Belfast. Eight fans were severely injured, more than thirty had to be treated for minor hurts, an Irish reporter suffered a severe scalp cut, the master of ceremonies was trampled upon and battered—all because the followers of Kelly were opposed to the official verdict.

NEW COMMISSIONERS FOR NEW YORK STATE

The appointment of James A. Farley, Jr., Francis J. Souhan to the New York State Athletic Commission, gives the Democratic Party a firm hold on boxing in the state with three members of the same party in power.

The son of the former Postmaster General of the United States and former chairman of the New York Commission, gives to the Board the youngest member since the adoption of the Walker Law in 1920. Farley Junior is only 27 years old and is in the building supply business as was his famous father for a time.

Though Young Farley has never been identified with boxing, his presence on the boxing board is certain to add prestige, since it is taken for granted that his dad will do much to steer him on the proper path. No commissioner, either in New York or elsewhere, did so much to keep the sport clean and advance it to a high state as did James A. Farley. If the offspring will follow in dad's footsteps, New York's crusading chairman, Julius Helfand, will have the support he'll require to carry out to a finish his battle to keep boxing clear of the incumbrances that have brought the sport into disrepute.

Young Farley's father made an enviable record as a boxing commissioner, a post that enabled him to climb to the heights as a leader in world affairs and as a maker of presidents. Whether Junior possesses the personal appeal and charm, the grit, leadership and courage of his dad, remains to be seen. This is his first step into public affairs and his every move as a boxing commissioner will be closely watched. The fact that he was chosen as successor to Robert K. Christenberry to fill out his unex-

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

JOHNNY HOLMAN COULDN'T HAVE FOUGHT A GAMER fellow than Joe Rowan and had he, it's likely the opponent wouldn't have lasted the full 10 rounds as Rowan did at Miami. Much the smaller man in height and weight, and experience and ability, little Joe did well however in a TV performance against Ring Magazine's fourth ranking heavyweight from Chicago. And Holman, a hard puncher, will agree to that. "Jarrin' John" won the votes of all officials as he neared to a possible match with heavyweight champ Rocky Marciano. Slow on foot, missing much with his mitts, nevertheless the Chicagoan made the landing punches count. He worked Rowan's midsection with both hands and this combining with the 21-pound weight advantage slowed gritty Joe along the course. Each fighter brought in left jabs to good use and Rowan surprised with left hooks and rights at times. Holman had Joe's eye shut in the last round and was pounding him hard. The Philly fighter's weight was 182½. Holman, at 2-1, tipped 203½.

Benny Meeks, 139½, Chicago, scored in a good bout with Jimmy Ford, 142¾, of Miami, taking a sixer from the local boy. Gordon Van Loo, University of Miami, won a sixer from Al Barazza, 144, Glendale, Ariz. Tony Gallata, 134¼, Hoboken, beat Chico Gomez, 143, Mexico City, in 4. Tom Simonetti, 164½, Hollywood, took a six from Carl Ferguson, 167, local. Sonny Lemon, 148, Miami, grabbed four from Joe Long, 141, Miami.

▶ Rocky Randell punched Andy Arel from the start and didn't let up until the stop, which means to end of their 10 round match at Miami Beach. Randell, 139¾, of Tampa, polled one of the most lop-sided margins seen here and he did it in his first top feature at Chris Dundee's punch palace. Adding to his dessert, Randy pulled one over on Arel, who ruled 2-1 favorite. The bout went as if the script was, Randell give, Arel take. It got to be that monotenous to the 1,598 folks. A knockdown in the third over Arel swelled Rocky's total points. Sensing something may be not right, Dr. Alexander Robbins, the commission medico, visited Andy's corner after the seventh and agreed afterwards the loser was acting as if something could have been wrong with him. Arel weighed 135. He's from Messina, N. Y.

In the eight round semi-final, Rudy Ortega, 128, Havana, and Speedy Davidson, 127¼, Tampa, emerged all-even. Gomeo Brennan, 155, Bimini (Bahamas), whipped Sonny Lemon, 154, Calhoun County, S. C., in a four. Georgie Knowles, 162, Nassau (Bahamas), edged Georgia Kid, 161, Augusta, in a sixer. Walter Bailey, 144, Lake City, grabbed a four from Willis Massey, 141, of Tampa.

▶ Figured to win over Bob Satterfield, 187¼, in their main eventer at Miami Beach, Harold Carter, 194, of Linden, N. J., was able to earn a draw with the hard-hitting Chicagoan after a rally in the final round. The Jersey heavyweight did it the hard way, coming back from a bad ninth when Satterfield had him in bad shape. It was the other way around in the 10th as bopping Bob had to be on the defensive.

Carter proved the better boxer and Satterfield the harder puncher. Slow to start, they went into high gear as the bout progressed with Harold landing more than Bob, but the latter making up in the difference by solid wallops. They drew 2,895 fans, for a $7,008 gate.

Rudy Oretega, 127¼, Havana, won the eight-semi over Speedy Davidson, 127½, Tampa. Henry Brown, 151, Augusta, defeated Gomeo Brennan, 152½, Bimini, in six. Jesse Williams, 146, Fort Lauderdale, took four from Tino Fuerte, 144, Tampa. Willie (Shorty) Gulat, 210½, Miami, won a four from Claude Rolfe, 187½, Tampa.

▶ Major W. H. Peeples, Jr., long a sports figure and promoter in South Florida, will operate his own boxing club by June, when the new Biscayne Arena, with seating capacity of 3,000 will be completed. Costing $250,000 the edifice will also hold amateur boxing and wrestling. The Major plans on 40 pro boxing shows each year. This means competition as Chris Dundee holds boxing at Miami Beach. But it is claimed by folks down there that the competition is good for boxing. Each promoter will strive to put on the better show, naturally. Peeples will stage a TV show in nearby Hollywood on May 4th. Good luck, Major.

▶ Professional boxing opened at Hialeah with co-promoters Darby Rathman and Murray Weiss featuring Bobby Lane and Jimmy O'Brien. Lane, of Kannapolis, N. C., won by a split decision after 10 rounds. He decked the boy from Trenton, N. J., in the second round with rights to the jaw but failed to follow up after Jimmy got up at the count of three. The win was Lane's second over O'Brien and the Carolinian tipped 169½ for the Jerseyite's 171½.

The crowd, 400, saw Al Barrazo, 143½, Phoenix, knock out Harry Lee Irwin, 146½, Miami, in round two. Short but sweet it was, enough to be called the best fight on the card. Barrazo connected with a right to the jaw and that was all. Both had stood up battling. Tony Gullato, 139½, Hoboken, N. J., TKO'ed Ray Davis, 137½, Miami, in the fourth. Joe Moss, 159, Perrine, drew with Wilson Williams, 153, Fort Gaines, Ga., in four. The semi-final, pitting Jimmy Persey, 178, Miami, and Battling Jones, 207, Pahokee, lasted until the seventh. Persey won by a TKO. In the Lane-O'Brien feature, the co-manager of Lane, Paul Antunacci, claimed he had signed for two-minute rounds. As it was, the fighters fought three-minute rounds.

▶ With this issue of The Ring Magazine, we are starting on our eighteenth year for the Boxing Bible. No greater pleasure came our way than when The Ring Editor and Publisher, Nat Fleischer selected yours truly to take up where our good friend from Savannah, Georgia, Pinkie Lou Masters, left off.

▶ Billy Kilgore late of Miami, does try and try hard, but in his first big comeback role, against Al Andrews, was a flop. He looked bad, even in losing but unconcerned Chris is giving him another chance, possibly against Joey Giardello soon. With Andrews, Kilgore showed flashes in the first when he dropped Al with a right to the chin. But the referee, Cy Gottfried ruled no knockdown because he didn't see it. And then again in the tenth when Billy used a right to knock Al's mouthpiece out. As for Andrews, he scored repeatedly to make points. Both were guilty of fouling, Andrews losing a point later, in the fourth round. The winner weighed 163, the loser, 167½. The crowd was 2,506, and the gate, $6,003.

▶ Bid Nethers won an unanimous decision over Jerry Fowler at Hialeah, a crowd of 587 watching the Zanesville, Ohio, lad earning his first main event mainly by a knockdown in the second. They put on some nice exchanges with Fowler catching up to make the fight rather close. Bid made another bid to insure his lead and scored well in the eighth and ninth. He weighed 154½, and the loser, a Chicago boy, was two pounds heavier.

Tom Tatum, 164½, Miami, won by a TKO in 3 over Leom McCray, 159, of Fort Gaines, Ga. Tatum dropped McCray near the end of the second and the Georgian was unable to answer the bell for the next round. Bobby Walters, 145, beat Chico Modesto, 143½, in four. Gordon Van Loo, 151, whipped Sonny Lemon, 153, in a four. Tony Necro, 155, decisioned Rocky Patrin, 155, in six. Promoting were Darby Ratgman and Murray Weiss.

▶ Effective body punching earned for Gus Rubicini, of Canada, a clear cut 10 round decision over Chester Mieszala at Hialeah. Making his first appearance in several months, "Ruby" went after the Chicagoan's midsection from the opening to the closing of the feature. The winner was at his best in the seventh round when he connected to the head and body and had Chester holding to escape more of that punishment.

Ray Davis, 137, Miami, won a four from localer Don Knight, 136. Bobby Barn, 131, Opa-Locka, and Carmen Iacobucci, 131, Cincinnati, fought to a six round draw. Tony Necro, 150¼, Warren, Ohio, whipped Hurricane Johnson, 150½, Miami, in a six. Georgia Kid, 158, Augusta, stopped Rocky Patrin, 157, Nashville, in round two.

▶ Please send in all news and results to: Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Fighters without managers can write in for action and please enclose your full record and photo.

▶ Pete Tarpley, former Southern welterweight boxer, is now sports director at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Augusta, Ga. Pete took pride to tell of the recent visit paid the veterans there by the welterweight champion Carmen Basilio, when Carmen came South to Augusta to hunt. The champ shook hands with them all and made personal appearances in the wards and recreational building. He signed autographs and answered many questions on boxing. Needless to say the morale he gave the hospitalized vets. They all agree Carmen Basilio is a great sport and a fighting champion. Amen to that.

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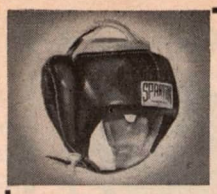

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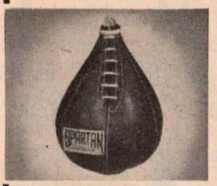

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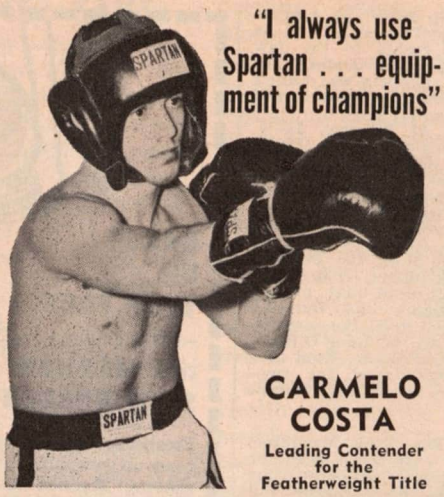

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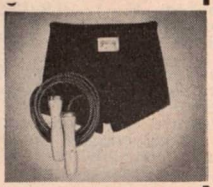

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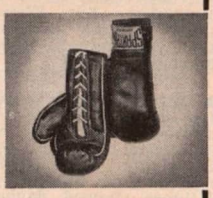

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self over these two.

Dempsey would have stopped Rocky because Marciano would have taken too long to hurt the Mauler. Rocco warms to his task slowly, and usually doesn't get to the point until the eighth round. Once he has worn down his man, Rocky hurts plenty.

Dempsey was no feeler-outer. The bell rang, and he went right to work, no dilly-dallying. He gave everything he had, all the way.

INDUSTRY VS. RING ONE-SIDED FIGHT

Dempsey came up in a very tough school. There were more fighters, better ones, than we have today, and that is no aspersion on the men who now make their livings in the ring. The times have changed and no one realizes that better than the Maussa Mauler.

"I have great confidence in Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York Commission," Dempsey continued, in discussing the boxing situation. *"New York is the leader and what happens there in boxing is reflected around the country.*

"I think Helfand will bring back some of the small clubs. They are so important. The small clubs were the minor leagues of boxing. Suppose all the minors in baseball shut down? Where would the club owners get the players? In studio television? How funny that is! Studio fights.

"Big, strong kids don't want to fight under present conditions. The competition between industry and the fight game today is too tough for the ring.

"A youngster becomes a fighter. He can't develop in some small club, and go on to another small club. There are no small clubs. He has to wait for his chance on the television schedule of some bigger club, and the waiting list is long.

"So he gets hungry, and goes to a factory and gets a union card and $80 or $100 a week, with a pay check every week. That's important. In boxing, you have hungry weeks. In industry, salary every week.

"Well, if conditions in boxing do not attempt to fight against that weekly pay check, what's the answer? Nothing but what you have today."

NOBODY IS HUNGRY TODAY, JACK SAYS

"Nobody has to go hungry today," Dempsey went on. *"There is plenty of work for the man who wants to work. A kid can make plenty of dough for himself doing almost anything.*

"I was hungry. I had to fight my way along. Freights and the like, fight, fight all the time. The life was tough, but it hardened you.

"I liked to fight. I think that today there are a lot of professional boxers who do not like the ring.

"However, this is America. We will make out. Especially if the New York commissioner keeps up the battle for the right thing."

Dempsey insists that the IBC has ruined free enterprise in boxing and has killed off the small clubs.

Jack seems to overlook the fact that the times have changed, the television has produced conditions which favor the bigger clubs and make it impossible for the litte ones, minus TV revenues, to breathe.

"Kids are discouraged from going into boxing because of conditions. Also, because of the bad name the sport has got for itself, temporarily. I know things will clear up. I'm sure of it," said Jack.

Dempsey fails to see that conditions eventually made it impossible for the smaller promoter to go on doing business and that the professional fight industry had to move into strong hands backed by big money.

Bad? Yes. In many ways. But that is the trend in these United States. The small business man is being gobbled up by the big corporations in every field, not alone boxing.

Will boxing ever fight off this powerful competition? Dempsey remarked. "No. *Not entirely,"* he answered. *"But the things Helfand is trying to do should help rehabilitate the sport."*

Meanwhile, the fans of the nation flock to see Dempsey flatten scrappy wrestlers in those mock fights, and boxing followers wonder, all over again, if the old Mauler wasn't the greatest the game has produced.

Could Dempsey have flattened Louis? Could Dempsey have stopped Marciano?

These are intriguing questions for us to mull over while we wait for the situation among the heavweights to jell, and produce a contender whom we would be willing to watch on TV for free, let alone with a $50 top in Yankee Stadium.

RATINGS

(Continued from page 42)

Young Martin, 1, and kayoed Billy Morris, 2.
Leo Espinosa defeated Keiichi Komuro, 12.
Dai Dower outpointed Robert Meunier, 8.
Cliff Eskridge kayoed Johnny Martin, 9.
Mario de Leon stopped bantamweight Rudy Coronado, 6. Unable to make the weight, Frankie Bennett relinquished Australian title and lost decision in non-title bout to Bindi Jack, 12.
Mario Ruiz and Cheto Fernandez drew, 10.
Vic Angeles kayoed Frank Cruz, 5, and drew with Joe Cruz, 6.
Blackie Robinson whipped Vic Campo, 8.
Guiseppe Gaviano whipped Renato Denti, 8.
Lud Giordano kayoed Pee Wee Pollard, 2.
Ray Valadez kayoed Juanito Miranda, 1, and bested Jorge Correa, 6. Manuel Alcala kayoed Zurdo Castillo, 3, and Manolo Ortiz, 2.
Chico Argaez kayoed Pedro Cortes, 1.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

LOCAL BOXING ACTIVITIES RETURNED TO NORMAL IN FEBRUARY and results of fights at tne Coliseo were as given below.

In a non-title match, Baby Vazquez, national lightweight champion, clearly outpointed Baby Ortiz. Immediately after the event, Ortiz stated he was through with boxing, a decision he had reached long before the fight. He certainly was a credit to the sport because of his gameness and willingness to please the crowd.

Ernesto Parra stopped Arturo "Baby" Ruiz in nine. This was their third meeting, the other two having been one to each boy.

▶ Genaro Serafin, 124, won the decision over Luis Contreras, 126, by disqualification in seven. Patito Espindola, 118, stopped Luis Castillo, II, 119, in four. Roque Fernandez, 116, stopped Tribilin Carmona, 120, in six. Chico Garcia, 118, outpointed Jorge Salazar, 118, in six. Luis "Ranchero" Ruiz, 138, decisioned Benito Rodriguez, 138, in four.

▶ Victor Manuel Quijano, 125, decisioned Julio Escobedo, 126, in ten. Juanito Martinez, 136, stopped Felix Medina, 135, in four. Juan Garcia, 124, stopped Pedro Tostado, 125, in one. Aurelio Mora, 125, stopped Mario Torres, 124, in one. Manuel Valencia, 118, drew with Jose Luis Hernandez, 118, in four.

▶ Al Villegas, 147, outpointed Tuzo Jimenez, 141, in ten. Mario Ruiz, 114, drew with Cheto Fernandez, 113, in ten. Chino Rodriguez, 136, stopped Fernando Ugalde, 133, in five. Emilio Olivares, 120, stopped Mario Gabarro, 117, in five. Anastasio Navarrete, 117, decisioned Little Colima, 113, in four.

Tony Alamillo, 118, stopped Chucho Alarcon, 119, in one. David Perez, 148, stopped Jesus Moreno, 146, in two. Chucho Cabello, 125, stopped Chucho Caballero, 124, in two.

▶ Mario de Leon, 114, stopped Rudy Coronado, 120, in six. Miguel Garcia, 119, stopped Tony Alamillo, 117, in five. Eduardo Almazan, 135, stopped Ceferino Montero, 137, in one. Juancito Lopez, 116, decisioned Chiquilin Torres, 116, in six. Lalo Camarena, 125, drew with Isauro "Chango" Samaniego, 124, in four.

Chucho Mejia, 125, decisioned Luis Espinosa, 125, in eight. Marcial Galicia, 118, stopped Antonio Coria, 121, in five. Agustin Vega, 126, stopped Alberto Lima, 125, in one.

▶ Reyes Lopez, 134, decisioned Enrique Ortiz, 132, in ten. Indio Conde, 125, stopped Xochimilca Kid, 125, in one. Pedro Fuentes, 145, decisioned Alfredo Martinez, 145, in ten. Ranchero Ruiz, 133, stopped Roberto Gonzalez, 134, in one. Jeronimo Palomo, 118, drew with Enrique Moreno, 118, in four.

▶ Jose "Toluco" Lopez, national bantamweight champion, stopped Emilio de la Rosa, in the twelfth and last round of a title match. Tobe Penaloza, 135, stopped Jose Arguelles, 135, in seven. Juan Garcia, 126 stopped Luis Brito, 125, in one. Beto Rodriguez, 126, stopped Nacho Luna, 125, in five. Tibico Torres, 118, defeated Joe Gutierrez, 118, by disqualification in the second.

▶ Angel Guerrero, 127, decisioned Enrique "Mofles" de la Cruz, 125, in ten. Angel hails from Acapulco and looks like an outstanding prospect. Luis Gutierrez, 116, deciisoned Tony Torres, 118, in ten.

BOXING IN JUAREZ, MEXICO
By Francisco Pancho Montes

BOXING IS GOING OVER BIG IN THE JUAREZ Municipal Auditorium where regular shows are being staged. With good talent available, the turnouts have been excellent. Rogelio Diaz has been honored by the boxing writers as the best prospect. Other good boys are Rodrigo Duenas, Francisco Santillan, Ramob Rodriguez and Alfredo Zuany.

▶ Alfredo Nevarez, 135¼, Juarez, won over Baby Ortiz, 133½, Mexico City, 10.

Pete Ruiz, 144¾, El Paso, won by a K.O. over Rudy Landeros, 148, Mexico City, 4.

Alfonso Mendoza, 124½, Juarez, won over Ramon Rodriguez, 128, Juarez, 4.

Rodrigo Duenas, 124¼, Juarez, won over Tacho Mendoza, 123½, El Paso, 4.

Carlos Chavira, 134½, Juarez, won over Jesus Paez, 134½, Juarez, 4.

▶ Manuel Armenteros, 124, Habana, won over Jose Luis Cotero, Juarez, 127½, 10.

Rogelio Diaz de Leon, 127, San Luis Potosi, won by a TKO over Rodolfo Ibarra, 128, Torreon, 5.

Francisco Santillan, 132, Juarez, won by a TKO over Daniel Olivares, 130, Juarez, 2.

Rafael Vazquez, 134½, Torreon, won over Marelino Vargas, 138, El Paso, 4.

Lazaro Flores, 148½, Juarez, won by a TKO over Enrique Zubia, 149, El Paso, 2.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Julan W. Copeland

AT THE PANAMA CITY NATIONAL GYMNASIUM, the main event between Alberto (Toto) Ibarra, 119½, and Rodolfo Ampudia, 119½, was very disappointing and after five rounds of hugging, wrestling and tugging, Referee Rogelio Pinzon left the ring and declared the bout no contest.

In an eight rounder, Black Bill, 125½, lost a close decision to Sammy Medina, 127. It was a good fight and the decision was split. Enrique Perea, 123½, halted Arias Mendez, 121, in the second round of a one-sided affair, the referee stopping the bout.

Melanio Pacheco, 117, outboxed Juan Salazar, 116½, to earn a four round decision.

BOXING IN LIMA, PERU
By Dr. Wilfred Stephenson

THE MOST EXCITING BOUT of the present professional season was the welterweight contest over ten rounds between Perico García, rising local star, and Homero Gutierrez, at the Luna Park Coliseum on February 4. Gutierrez put up such a fiery, hard-hitting and masterly performance that, though García got the verdict, Homero won the applause of the crowd.

In the preliminaries Luis Gutierrez, a young Peruvian puncher, KOed Hugo Fuentes from Bolivia in the fifth stanza. Baby Lobaton and Jaime López fought draws in six rounds with German Effio and Carlos Gómez, respectively.

BOXING BITS FROM SINGAPORE
By Little Nene

HAPPY WORLD STADIUM, SINGAPORE: Mike Ravula, 170½, Fiji, was too big and strong for game Henry Dave, 156½, Philippines, and stopped him at the end of the third round. In the co-featured eight, Puncher Waisele, 147, came off the deck in the opening round to wear down his much smaller foe Sonny Chia, 130, and win the decision. Don Razali kayoed Mel Ahmad in the third of a bruising featherweight bout. Chua Gim Leng, 112, and Royal Ali, 111, fought to a draw, 6. Choto Rajoo kayoed Mike Rodrigo in the third.

IN THE CARIBBEAN
By Claude Ramsey

BARBADOS WELTERWEIGHT KENNIE SEAMAN drew in ten rounds with Caleb "Billy" Greaves at the Police Grounds in Roseau, Dominica, before a gathering of 1,000. It was a furious battle. Greaves carried the fight to his opponent all the way.

Seaman used a good left jab but his attack was too ineffective. Seaman was down in the fourth round for a count of eight and in the sixth, Greaves went to the canvas. He complained about being hit low but the referee disallowed it.

Kid Silver, Jamaica's best pugilist, has been suspended for life by the Jamaica Boxing Board of Control due to his unsportsmanship actions in the Neville Powell vs. Gray championship fight in which he seconded the defending title holder. He challenged the honesty of two of the judges and was punished as a result.

LOUISVILLE, KY., BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL GOLDEN GLOVES in Louisville's history was held in February.

A crowd of 8,000 jammed the Jefferson County Armory for the finals, the biggest ever to attend boxing matches here. The semi-finals and finals were sponsored by the Louisville Police Officers' Association for its benefit fund and netted—not grossed—$12,000 for the fund.

Kentucky champions:

Heavyweight—James W. O'Keefe, 18-year-old Irishman and son of a country police officer. Light-heavyweight—Donnie Hall, last year's heavy titlist. Middleweight—Fletcher Lee, only Fort Knox soldier to capture a crown. Welterweight—Ruddell Stitch, fifth-time winner of the welter title. Lightweight—Willie Moran, who has 15 knockouts in 20 fights. Featherweight—Gene Greshman, a two-time winner. Bantamweight—Gilbert Moore. Flyweight—Elmer Dennison.

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North Adams, Mass.

ARUBA, N.W.I. RING NEWS
By Jimmy Lambert

SWINGSTERS SQUARE GARDEN—Sugar Boy Nando, 156, Aruba, continued his winning ways by easily defeating British Guiana's welterweight champion Ivellaw Stevenson, 149, in the 10-round main event. Aruba Chocolate, 131, Aruba, waltzed to a decision in an 8-rounder over Jimmy Sanders, 136, Aruba.

Young Carpentier, 150, Aruba, in his first comback bout, showed signs of his former power by stopping Colorado Kid, 154, Curacao, in the last round of a 6-round bout on a TKO due to a badly cut eye.

The best bout of the evening was a scheduled 6-rounder in which Eduardo Kasters, 169, Chile, displayed boxing, punching and all-around ability in stopping Juan Tromp, 175, Aruba, in the third round.

In a 4-rounder, Kid Zorzal, 149, Aruba, came up off the floor in the first round to win the decision over Negrito del Batey, 147, Aruba.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By Max Yeargain

JESSE TURNER, ST. LOUIS MIDDLEWEIGHT, moving at a relentless clip, put down a strong challenge by Leroy Green of Kansas City to win a unanimous 10-round decision before 2,200 fans in the feature contest at Memorial Hall, Kansas City.

Turner, a 2-1 favorite, had trouble with Green in the early rounds. The St. Louis slugger wore Green down through the middle rounds, flooring him in the seventh with a left hook to the heart, but could not solve the Kansas Citian's bobbing, weaving style. The fans stood up and cheered as both boys punched it out at the final bell. The show was a financial and artistic success.

Bobby Bickle of lightweight Golden Gloves fame, now making Kansas City his home, came from behind to knock out Leroy (Kid) Carter of Cincinnati, in the third round.

In the four round preliminaries: Ray Agustus, 170, Topeka, decisioned Joe Davis, 165, Ft. Benning, Ga.; Terry Lloyd, 137, Kansas City, kayoed Al Berry, 142, Anderson, Ind., in the first round; Clarence Cook, 150, St. Louis, in one round stopped Melvin Bell, 147, Louisville, Ky. Walter J. Geiser refereed.

▶ Boxing will be in operation semi-monthly in this area from now on. Managers and boxers may get in touch with Promoter Marvin L. Lipp, in care of your correspondent, Max Yeargain, Quality Hill Towers, 905 Jefferson, Kansas City, Missouri.

FROM OUR READERS

(*Continued from page 3*)

Archie Moore who wants an American referee to take charge of his fight with Yolande Pompey.

Yours faithfully,
Mr. D. Beckett
Carshalton, Surrey, England

MARCIANO DEFEATED AGAIN—ON PAPER

Gentlemen:

Have been reading The Ring Magazine for many years and find it one of the best. I am 85 years old and have been a boxing fan all my life. I saw Fitzsimmons box with his son years ago. Also Johnson vs. Ketchel fight in 1909 in California. I saw Dempsey when he was on tour in 1921. What a fighting machine he was.

Fitzsimmons, Johnson, Langford and Dempsey were the great heavyweights and Ketchel and McCoy the greatest middleweights. Any one of the six would have stopped Marciano in five rounds.

J. A. McLean
Hinton, Alta., Canada

GOOD ADVICE AND SOUNDER JUDGMENT

Dear Sirs:

I am an ardent fan of boxing. I love everything about boxing from the actual combat to your excellent monthly magazine.

But there is a group associated essentially with the game whom I think is all to frequently off the track. I am referring to judges of the fights. These men no doubt are honest, and as far as human nature allows, impartial, but the outcome of a contest of which is the culmination of a prolonged session of sweaty and bloody sacrifices and punishment of men who depend on the final verdict for their livelihood is too great a job.

A few examples are the Pep-Cadilli (1st fight), Dupas-Lightburn, and the recent Turner-Fullmer decision, not to mention the Gavilan controversy in England.

I urge you to do something about this deficiency.

I. Stuart
University of Notre Dame
South Bend, Ind.

A HEAVY DISCUSSION

The Editors:

In the March issue of "Ring" magazine, Bill Sandy of Youngstown Ohio asks: "who of note did Jack Dempsey beat?"

He beat 'Battling' Levinsky—Billy Miske—Georges Carpentier—Tommy Gibbons—and Jack Sharkey.

I would also like to inform Lawton Stokley of Cincinnati, Ohio, who criticized Nat Fleischer's article on Rocky Marciano that Jack Johnson did beat "first class opponents his own size," namely: Al Kaufman, Frank Moran, Sam McVey, and Joe Jeannette among many others. As far as Jack specializing in "whipping middleweights and light-heavyweights", one of the middleweights he knocked out was Stan Ketchell. Let's compare Stanley with our present heavyweight champion's opponents and let's see where we get.

Rex Layne:—'nuff said.

Joe Louis:—3 to 9 years past his peak.

Lee Savold:—already kayoed by Phil Brubaker—Lem Franklin—Harry Bobo—Domingo Valin—Elmer Ray and Joe Louis after Joe tried a comeback.

'Kid' Mathews:—He beat what was left of Layne after Willie James took Rex apart.

Roland LaStarza:—Eleven months before Rocky stopped him. Another Rocky, (Jones), knocked out many times and weighing only 179, beat LaStarza.

Ezzard Charles:—Ten months before he almost regained the crown from Marciano he was trounced by Nino Valdes. Nine months before his gallant championship effort, Ezz was beaten by the 177 pound Harold Johnson.

Don Cockell:—Kayoed before by Aaron Wilson, Jimmy Slade and Randy Turpin.

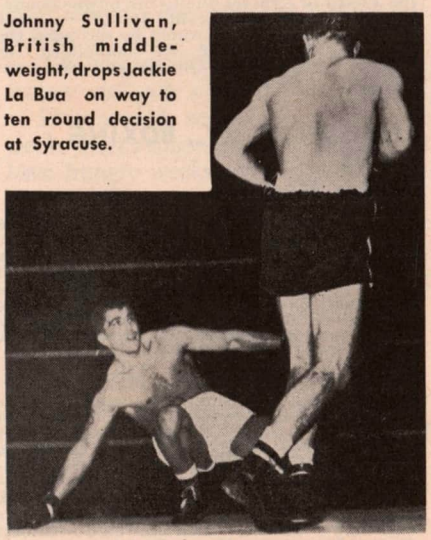
Archie Moore:—Kayoed before by Jimmy Bivins, Ezzard Charles, Lenny Morrow and Eddie Booker. Archie did knock out Bob Baker, but that was just after Bob Satterfield kayoed Baker and Clarence Henry whipped Baker.

That leaves only Joe Walcott—not bad. But, honestly do Ring readers for a moment believe that Jersey Joe could have beaten the "middleweight" Stanley Ketchel whom Jack Johnson kayoed?

Lawton also says that "Louis was handicapped by a not too rugged chin."

Considering the fact that Joe was kayoed only once (a KO he later reversed) in 14½ years of professional boxing before he resigned his crown, I don't think such a record indicates a brittle chin.

Al Bevan
Thornton, Ill.



Johnny Sullivan, British middleweight, drops Jackie La Bua on way to ten round decision at Syracuse.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lewis Eskin

RAMBLING AROUND; Wes Boodish of Newark, a former student at Weequahic High and a graduate of Emory College in Atlanta, Ga., is now a medical student at St. Andrews University in Glasgow, Scotland. Wes, a 220 pounder, captured the Scottish universities heavyweight championship.

▶ The Newark Golden Glove team finished third behind New York and Pittsburgh in the Eastern Golden Glove championships at Madison Square Garden in New York. Leroy Simmons, in the 175 pound class, and Mark Murray, in the 135 class, lost in the finals while Leroy Grant, 126 pounds, Gene Fosmire, 118, and Tom Brown, 147, lost in the semi-finals. Brown's captor, Richard Hall of Buffalo, went on to win the championship.. Newark's other entrants, Carter Meyers, 112, and Carl Edwards, 160, were eliminated earlier.

Harvey Sloan, who won the heavyweight crown, did not compete. Frank DiFranzo, who won the 112 open title, also failed to compete and replaced on the team by Meyers of Trenton, the novice champion.

Other novice winners at Newark were: 118, Nick Troiano; 126, Willie Greene; 135, Bob Maciunski; 147, Willie Laws; 160, Tony Alongi (who defeated Anthony Martinez, younger brother of Vince); 175, Harry Baldassarro; Hywt., Robert Terry.

The Team title was won by the Newark PAL. Fossmire, DiFranzo and Grant repeated as champions in their classes while Carl Edwards, last year's 175 pound king slimmed down to take the 160 pound title.

▶ Paterson Armory. Rinzi Nocero, 157, Brooklyn, lost to Jay Anderson, 155, Philadelphia, in 8. The return match between local rivals Arnold DiMorzio and Johnny (Sonny) Luciano, who were disqualified in their first bout for roughhousing, was a good fast six rounder that saw the two welterweights end up all even. Bob O'Brien, 195, New York, made short work of Al Pierce, 186, Greenwood Lake, N. J., as he dropped him twice and kayoed him in 1:15 of the first. Art Lusy, 149, Dumont, kayoed Bert DeWitt, 147, Paterson, in 1:10, 1; Frankie Daly, 127, East Side, N.Y.C., outsped Herb Sperling, 126, N.Y.C., in 4; and Bobby Klier, 160, Paterson, floored Billy Richow, 156, N.Y.C., in the first and third as he punched his way to a four round decision.

Despite a day long rainstorm, 3,600 fans turned out to pay a gross of $6,265.

▶ Making his second start since returning to action, Joe Giardello, 161½, Philadelphia, won a one-sided triumph over reluctant Hurly Sanders, 160, Newark, in a slow ten rounder that was marred by Sanders backpedalling tactics.

Monroe Kurtz, 158, Newark, punched his way to a six round decision over Marion Guzzo, 161, Easton, Pa.; Art Lusby, 150, Dumont, and Tony Forte, 149, Greenwood Lake, slugged to a draw, 4; Bob Richter, 134, Easton, won from Al Pompino, 135, Mountain View, 4; Ray Apollo, 149, Newark, bested Vinnie Stasio, 149, Asbury Park, 4; and Wilmer Bonney, 153½, Easton, stopped Henry Platt, 155, Wanaque, in 0:20 of the first.

A crowd of over 5,000 fans paid $10,899, the third largest gate in Paterson history, and the largest since the Joe Louis-Pat Comiskey exhibition some years ago.

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MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colbert

DEL FLANAGAN LOST A CLOSE DECISION TO WILLIE TROY in Fort Wayne, Ind., and can get a re-match here in the Twin Cities. Del has left the management of Lou Viscusi and will be under the direction of Bernard Glickman of Chicago, Ill.

▶ Minneapolis Armory. Joe Schmolze, pride of North Minneapolis, made his first main event start against Pedro Gonzales of Pittsburgh and came through with flying colors. This was the first time Joe went ten rounds. He won the decision. Fred Turner, St. Paul, 137, and Nick Torres Minneapolis, 138, went four rounds to a draw. Terry Rindal St. Paul, 165, won a decision over Norman Lee Chicago, 150, in six rounds. Jim Hegerle St. Paul, 160, knocked out William Jackson, Los Angeles, 160, in two rounds.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

NATE SEEBERG, BUFFALO ATTORNEY, has been named Executive Director of the newly formed Niagara Frontier Athletic Club and the club has matched Mike De John of Syracuse to box George Moore on a proposed all-star card. The tentative date is set for March 20.

RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

By Ray Mitchell

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME BRIGHT FIGHTS and bouts with unusual endings last month. Also, most of our champions and many top contenders have been active.

Top of the list is Col Clarke, our new lightweight champion. On January 23 he met the Italian, Sergio Milan, at Sydney Stadium. Col, who had a hard tussle with Milan several months ago, outclassed the Italian, to win on points. Milan made his first trip of his career to the canvas when Clarke hit him with a solid right in the second round, but he lasted out the distance to lose by a wide margin. Clarke is showing a great deal of improvement in his boxing prowess.

Our new bantamweight champion, Kevin James, had an easy win over the Italian, Gaetano Annaloro, at Sydney Stadium on February 6. Kevin ran into a little trouble in the first two rounds. He was on the floor, but from then on, the further the contest went, the further James went to the front. He won by a large points margin.

But our third new champion, our middleweight king, Billy McDonnell, lost on points to Italian, Luigi Coluzzi, at Sydney Stadium on January 16 before a near-capacity house. Billy fought badly that night. The reason lay, I think, in a mental letdown after winning the title. He was 19 years of age last month, hence still has a big future in front of him.

Our welter champion, George Barnes, who is also the Empire champion, will be going to South Africa in April to defend his Empire title against Benny Nieuwenhuisen. George is on a good guarantee. I think George will hang up his gloves this year.

▶ The Australian flyweight title is vacant. Frankie Bennett failed to make the weight in what was to be a title defense against Bindi Jack, at Devonport, Tasmania. His weight went up to 122 on the morning of the fight. He took off seven pounds that morning, but his trainer, Andy Whittet, would not jeopardize his boy by allowing him to take off the other three. Even so, Bennett was weak when he got into the ring. He fought well below himself and Jack won the fight—which went on as a non-title—by one point. In future, Bennett, who has just turned 19, will campaign as a featherweight.

On the same night, Barry Hatcher knocked out Gordon Bell in nine rounds at Broken Hill in the best fight seen there for some time. They are featherweights.

At Broken Hill, Teddy Rainbow knocked out Darcy Carr in seven rounds because he was quick to take advantage of a lapse by Carr. Darcy, a clever bantam, left Rainbow facing the ropes in the seventh round, then stepped back and lowered his hands, while waiting for Teddy to turn. Rainbow turned quickly with a left swing which connected. Carr went down, but rose at eight. He was dazed and was floored again. The referee saw Carr was dazed and halted the bout.

▶ Another unusual ending occurred at Collingwood, Victoria, two days earlier. Alan Kerr, bantam champion of Tasmania, fell through the ropes in the opening round against Ray Coates, hitting his head on the apron of the ring. The bell rang while he was on the floor and his seconds took him back to his corner. When the bell rang for the opening of the second round, Kerr was still dazed and the bout was stopped.

At Sydney Stadium, Clarrie Grogan won over former middleweight champion, Carlo Marchini when Carlo slipped in the tenth round and sprained his ankle. He saw out the round, but when Grogan bustled him at the start of the eleventh Carlo could only hobble and referee Patrick crowned Grogan.

Bruno Burlovich, lightweight, had a similar fate at Leichhardt against Charlie Smith. Bruno was a long way in front when he dislodged a cartilege in his knee in the eighth round and had to turn it in.

▶ Harry Grogan, younger brother of Clarrie, added Pran Mikus to his list of K.O. victims when Pran was halted in two rounds at Sydney Stadium.

Two of Sydney's up-and-coming middleweights, Harry Castle and Clive French, were stopped at Brisbane Stadium during the month by Clive Stewart and Red Litzow respectively. Castle did well until Stewart caught up with him in the seventh. Likewise, French was doing well until Litzow's bombs blasted him in the eighth.

Sydney Stadium opened its doors on January 24 to anyone who wanted to try himself out. Loads of boys came in, had a round or two, but none showed outstanding talent.

▶ Bantam prospect, Johnny Jarrett, went up another rung when he iced featherweight contender, Young Regan, in four rounds at Leichhardt. Johnny is rapidly running himself out of opponents.

Luigi Coluzzi had a win by a large margin over Don Johnson at Brisbane Stadium, but he was not comfortable.

▶ Also at Brisbane Stadium, a week before the Coluzzi-Johnson fight, George Bracken once more proved his high standing in the lightweight division when he stopped Tony Fisher in eleven rounds. Fisher later announced that he will not fight again.

Kev Noonan, Brisbane feather, boxed well to outpoint Herb Pittman at Brisbane. Three weeks later Pittman outscored Barry Molloy.

▶ Glen Carsburg won over Graham Lamont in a good middleweight contest at Brisbane while Johnny Wheeler had a comfortable win over Max Simpson at Leichhardt.

▶ At Collingwood, Johnny Short outpointed Ray Fellowes in a lightweight contest, while Nick Farrelly outpointed Johnny Wilson in a welterweight contest on the same bill. Both fights over 12 rounds. A week later Farrelly outpointed Frank Courts in a ten, and a week after that he outpointed Jack Terry at Mildura, in one 12 of a double bill. The other half saw Ray Fellowes outpoint Noel Caotes.

▶ After a spell of six months, during which time he was in the Navy doing his training, welter prospect, Billy Todd, returned to action and outpointed good welter, Bart Hornby, at Leichhardt. Date was February 9. The following night, welter, Mickey McDonald, came to the end of the trail when he was halted in three rounds by junior middleweight, Dave Clingan at Broken Hill. Mickey announced after that defeat that he was through with the game.

Barry Hatcher boxed well to outpoint Harold Piper in a featherweight fight at Broken Hill, while Young Layton was too strong for Peter Roeton in a lightweight bout at Brisbane the same night. Referee Pat Hill stopped the fight in the tenth.

▶ Featherweight Max Murphy was unlucky at Wollongong when a cut eye forced him to lose his fight with Alan Ritchie at the end of the fourth. Murphy was leading at the time. I refereed the fight.

▶ Alan Ritchie was halted in seven rounds by Johnny Short, lightweight, at Collingwood, on February 2. The only other action last month was a middleweight fight held at Shepparton, Victoria. Joe Damiami knocked out Taffy Matthews in six rounds on January 27.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS

By Eric Moolman

JOHNNY "SMILER" VAN RENSBURG, the Empire Lightweight champion, lost his first bout as a professional when he was disqualified in the third round of his bout in Lourenco Marques with Chico Santos, the Portuguese champion, for a low blow.

Santos was prepared to carry on with the fight, even jumping round the ring to show that he was uninjured. However, the referee stopped the fight and awarded the decision to Santos.

▶ The South African National Boxing Board of Control deprived Benny Nieuwenhuizen of his South African Welterweight title. This decision was taken by the Board in accordance with its rules after Nieuwenhuizen had been found guilty of driving a motorcar under the influence of liquor.

Nieuwenhuizen is the first South African champion to be deposed under a board ruling which lays down that a title is forfeited if its holder is (a) convicted of a crime, or (b) guilty to the satisfaction of the board of gross misconduct as a boxer.

However, Nieuwenhuizen will still be allowed to meet George Barnes for the Empire Welterweight title in April in Johannesburg.

▶ The Cape Province non-European Middleweight champion, Julius Caesar (160 lbs.) repeated his recent win over the former South African titleholder, Fondy Mavusa (159 lbs.) when he narrowly outpointed him in Cape Town.

▶ Willie Toweel, the South African Featherweight champion, will defend his title against Hubert Esakov in Johannesburg next month. Esakov, who is 21, is the only unbeaten professional boxer in the Union. Recently he scored a very good TKO win over the veteran Tony Lombard.

▶ South African boxers are not faring too well in overseas rings. Recently, Eddie Thomas was beaten by a fourth round TKO by Billy Ellaway. Stan Lotriet was outpointed by Neville Rowe and Colin Strauch was forced to retire with a cut eye against Trevor Sueil. All these bouts were fought in England.

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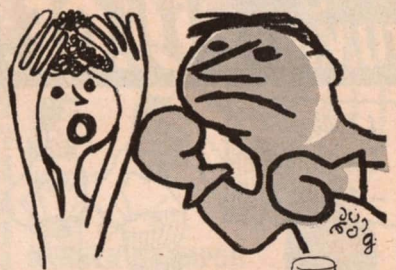

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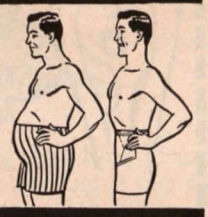

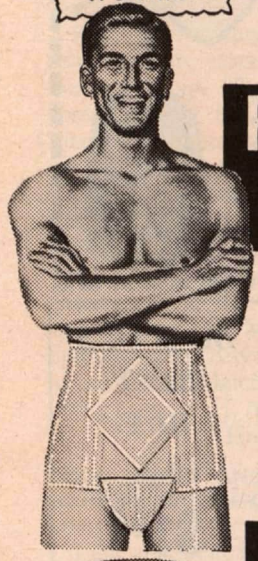

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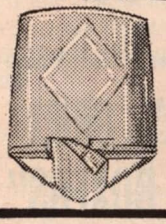

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LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCE
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

HUMBERTO "HAMLET" CARRILLO, THE BROWN BOMBER FROM LERDO, Durango, definitely went to the top when he whipped tough veteran José "Babe" González in ten wild rounds. This triumph has given Humberto the right to meet Moi Torres in a title match.

▶ Plaza de Toros, Torreón:—José "Babe" González, 129, easily decisioned César "Chino" Saavedra, 132, in ten rounds. In the 10-round semi, Felipe Sosa, 126, convincingly outpointed Martín "Baby" Vázquez, 125. And the other tenner finished in the seventh when Roberto Ramírez, 135, halted hard puncher Pedro Piña, 134.

▶ Arena "Olímpica Laguna", Gómez Palacio:—Our best man of Fistiana, the tall, slender and well built Humberto Carrillo, 127, rung the Lerdo bells in a peal, when he won a ten round unanimous decision over José "Babe" González, 128, who beat Saavedra. In the semi, Jorge Valverde, 117, and Mike García, 118, drew in ten rounds. In another 10 round match, Fidel Lucero, 131, local prospect, whipped Roberto Ramírez, 132. Herminio Luis Vázquez, 138, bested Roberto "Pajarito" Quiiñones, 135, in four and Ramón Cervantes, 115, beat Ignacio "Tuntún" Torres, 110, also in four.

▶ CIUDAD ACUNA:—Vicente Cantú, 150, and Maurice "Choo-choo" Jenkins, 154, drew in ten rounds.

▶ GUADALAJARA:—Wilfredo Miró, 151, from Cuba, stopped Memo Garmendia, 154, in the fifth.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Tobe Peñaloza, 134, knocked out José Paredes, 129, in the fourth.

▶ MONTERREY:—Rogelio Saucedo, 119, won a decision over Babe Rivera, 117. This Saucedo boy is one of the good fighters in Laguna.

▶ GUADALAJARA:—Chilango Rosales, 146, drew with Eduardo Lozano, 147, in ten rounds.

▶ PIEDRAS NEGRAS:—Beto Couary, 119, bested veteran Luis Castillo, 120, in ten wild rounds.

▶ REYNOSA:—Germán Ohm, 118, La Laguna, iced Mike Cruz, 117, Mexico City, in only three rounds.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Carlos Cardoso, 117, got the duke after ten hard rounds with Eddie Luna, 119.

▶ MEXICALI:—Enrique Ortiz, 135, and Billy Evans, 136, drew after ten good rounds.

▶ GUADALAJARA:—The Cuban Express, Wilfredo Miró, 149, scored his second kayo in his Mexican campaign. Now the boy embalmed Carlos Martínez, 154, in only two rounds.

▶ PUEBLA:—Roy Hernández, 128, decisioned BomBom Kiriz, 126, in ten rounds.

▶ REYNOSA:—Germán Ohm, 117, the young blond of La Laguna, scored a technical decision over Chao Herrera, 120, in the eighth round. The Germán kid was well ahead on points when he suffered a butt and a cut under his left eye.

▶ MONTERREY:—Beto Carbajal, 132, easily decisioned Manuel Rivera, 136, former National Lightweight Champ, in ten.

▶ MONTERREY:—Juan "Bombin" Padilla, 143, got a very valuable decision over Enrique Esqueda, 138, in ten rounds. Raúl Leaños, 119, kid brother of Old Juan, bested Eduardo Aguilar, 120, also in ten.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Angel Guerrero, 126, kayoed Pedro Rocha, 125, in seven rounds.

▶ HERMOSILLO:—Paulino Montes, 135, embalmed Papelero Sánchez, 133, in the second. Changuito González, 118, iced Manny Linson, 119, in the very first round.

▶ MONTERREY:—Américo Rivera, 120, bested Luis Castillo, 121, in ten.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Manuel "The Bull" Rocha, 147, La Laguna, was most unfortunate in this scheduled ten-rounder with "Firpo" Santos Gutiérrez, 154, for after being well ahead on points, he suffered an injury to his right fist in the third round and was forced to retire.

BOXING IN CUBA
By Dr. J. A. Vieites

MARTIN RODRIGUEZ, THE RING'S NO. 6 RATED FEATHER, ran into tough luck when Dave Gallardo, after appearing for his fight with the Cuban, suddenly journeyed back to California to battle Sandy Saddler and was stopped by the champion. Since Gallardo's expenses had been paid, the Cuban Commission is trying to have the Havana promoter reimbursed.

After that, Rodriguez was scheduled to fight Ciro Morasen, but the Cuban champ went to Venezuela instead and was beaten by Sonny Leon. And then came the final blow. Rodriguez was to have engaged Orlando Echevarria for the junior lightweight title and Orlando was injured and the bout had to be cancelled. Tough luck Martin he is being called in Havana.

▶ The report of the draw bout in Milan, Italy between Fred Galiana of Spain, Number One ranked featherweight, and Orlando Zulueta of Cuba, indicated clearly that Zulueta had won but didn't get the deserved decision. It seems that no foreigner can get a fair break in Europe.

▶ Managers who keep writing to me asking me to handle their affairs in Cuba, please note that I don't go in for that.

▶ HAVANA—Former 135 pound Cuban king, Rafael Lastre, made a swell come back and easily beat in 10 rounds, Mexican Tomás Castillo, who also weighed 135. Félix García, 137, t.k.o.'ed Marino González, 135, in five rounds. Angel García, 128, won in six from Marcelino Cartas, 130. Juan Campoy, 147, won in 4 from Angel Hernandez Kessell, 143. Orlando Peñalver, 149, stopped Aquilino Roqué, 152, in one. Chino Bassa, 124¼, won in 4 from Humberto del Rosa, 126.

▶ HAVANA—Tony Armenteros, 144¼, stopped Angel Cutiño, 147, in 9 rounds. Baby Palanca, 123¼, won in eight from Enrique Fernández, 124¼. Oscar Campos, 143¾, t.k.o. 2, Idelfonso Pérez, 153. Andrés González, 159¾, stopped Ray Andino, 161, in two. Luis Anaya, 186, stopped Idalberto Vizcay, 178¼, in two also.

▶ HAVANA—Orlando González, 136, upset Bomón Oriental, 134¾, in ten rounds. Schoolboy Leiva, 128, stopped Omar Platt, 126, in four. Mario Hernández, 146½, won in six from Amado Fernández, 151. Mario Sosa, 118, won in 4 from Rafael Martínez, 118¼, and Eddie Botello, 115, stopped Jesús O. Pelayo, 116, in one.

▶ HAVANA—Rafael Lastre, 134, drew in 10 with Armando Baragaño, 136. Chorín Záldívar, 127, won in 8 from Baby Rosales, 129, in an excellent fight. Carlos Chivás, 140, t.k.o. 6, Lázaro Hernandez Kessell, 142. Al Robinson, 136½, won in 4 from Virgilio López, 135½ and José Oliva, 115½, drew in 4 with Pedro J. González, 118½.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

HARTFORD

PROMOTER SAM GULINO'S SECOND OFFERING of the year was the best all round boxing show presented in Hartford in recent years. Each of the seven bouts had tremendous fan appeal, three of the pro variety and 4 belonging to the semi-pro class.

In the main event, Hartford's up and coming Steve Ward pounded out a decisive 8 round decision over Irish Pat Mallane of Union City. Ward, 138, and winner of all but one bout in 22 times out, was in complete command. Mallane, 134½, was slow. He lacked his usual fire and ability to double up on his favorite punch, his left hook. This was Mallane's first bout in 11 months and his slip really showed.

In the semi-final of six rounds, Charlie Cooper, 131, Bridgeport and Johnny Juliano, 129, Hartford took turns in annihilating each other, with first one going down and then the other. The fact that Cooper floored his opponent more often and that he finished stronger, earned him the decision.

In another "War", two local boys, Paul Lee, 132 and Leo Oddo, 131, faced each other. Lee, the harder puncher, was awarded a TKO win in 1:35 of the 4th and last round. Although the crowd was small, it was encouraging to the promoter to do a little better than break even. The gross was $1,250 with 651 paying fans.

▶ Hartford's Billy Lynch is still chasing an opportunity to fight for the New England Welterweight title. Why the runaround?

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

THE BIGGEST NEWS TO COME OUT OF TEXAS fight circles during the month of February was the visit paid Houston by Nat Fleischer, editor of this, the world's foremost fistic publication.

Nat was met at the airport by Mayor pro-tem, Matt Wilson, Promoter Si Frazier and Matchmaker Ralph Smith of Texas Boxing Enterprises, Leo Souriall, a former boxing commish, several members of the local Jaycees, and myself in addition to photographers.

The genial little bossman of Ring was presented a Western hat by Art Dana at the field while the flashbulbs flicked, and then was whisked off to a press conference at the home of Seymour Lieberman, local attorney and top AAU man of this sector. Needless to say the local newspaper boys had a field day discussing the fight situation with Nat.

It was my first meeting with Nat, and fulfilled a longtime desire, as I've been a regular reader of Ring since my eighth birthday back in 1933. I sincerely hope he enjoyed his stay in Houston while on hand to attend the Jorgensen-Davis contest.

▶ Houston: Rated the world's number ten featherweight prior to his ten round contest with Teddy "Red Top" Davis at the spacious Sam Houston Coliseum, Paul Jorgensen edged a little closer up the fistic ladder by outboxing the Hartford veteran to garner a split decision win.

A rapier like left jab speared Red Top repeatedly, and throw in some clever boxing plus a pair of nimble feet, and you get the story. Davis was the aggressor, and the fight was extremely close—he closed fast, but his rally fell short. Both weighed in at 128.

Dave Walden, 132, Youngstown, Ohio, crushed Tony Garcia, 138, Matamaros, Mexico, in one round of a scheduled ten round semi-windup.

Johnny Hopkins, 145, Cut and Shoot, decisioned Armando Flores, 144, Houston, six rounds. Robert E. Lee, 152, Houston, banged out a win over Killer Carl Foy, 146, Houston, and Baker "Proctor" Gamble, 194, Houston, got the duke over experienced Lawrence LeBlue, 194, Houston, in fours.

▶ San Antonio, Tony Padilla:—George Easterling, the Port Arthur clouter with the fast pair of mitts, breezed into the Alamo City and banged Luciano Gonzales of Mexico around enough to get the unanimous ten round decision. Easterling scaled 135, Gonzales, 137.

Harold Dixon, 159, Austin, defeated Margarito Garcia, 160, Corpus Christi, in the six round semi-final. One of the best bouts of the night matched veteran Al Boudreaux, 145, New Orleans, and Ernest Ramos, 139, San Antonio. Their fight was declared a draw after a thrilling slugfest. Curt Woolwine, 145, Beaumont, looking better with each outing, was the winner over heavier Gilbert Hinojosa, 151, Corpus Christi, in the third six. Roland Manuel, 139, Lake Charles, stopped Frankie Chacon, 134, Austin, in the third round of a four.

▶ Port Arthur, Kaycee Boxing Club:—Jackie Blair, the Dallas lightweight, proved that he can still be a thorn in the side of any ambitious 135 pounder by edging capable George Easterling in an action packed ten round main event. Both fighters were bleeding from around the eyes at the final bell. Blair tipped the beam at 134, Easterling, 133.

Roland Manuel, 139, Lake Charles, and Armando Flores, 138, busy Houston Mexican, hooked up in a six round even steven affair. Baltazar "Junior" Flores, 126, Port Arthur, keeps right on winning, and this time his victim was Jules Corne, 127, Beaumont. The opener found improving Curt Woolwine, 142, Beaumont, stopping Harry Snatic, 140, Port Arthur, in round four.

▶ Galveston, Phil Flake:—Isle City fight fans were turned away a little early as the top bouts, both scheduled for ten heats, ended abruptly.

Alex Vargas, 140, Galveston, highly touted and sharp punching protege of Buddy Garcia (former lightweight contender), iced Henry "Young" Junior, 140, Springfield, Mass., and Albany, N. Y., in the second round. A left hook to the button did the job.

Dave Walden, 130, Youngstown, Ohio, made a tremendous impression on the crowd, and certainly on his opponent, Johnny Sheridan, 134, Chicago, who went down three times before being counted out in the opening round. The Windy City belter was nailed a terrific whack to the whiskers, and the ref could have counted 50. I'll say one thing for Sheridan, he climbed up off that deck and came back for more after being decked twice earlier.

In fours, Robert E. Lee, 150, Houston, continued to sparkle in winning over tough Don Glenn, 149, Dallas, Baker "Proctor" Gamble, 193, Houston, roughhoused his way to victory over the 6-6 Galveston heavy, Dennis Patton, 220, and twelve year vet, Cruz Flores, 145, Houston, eked past Killer Carl Foy, 144, Houston.

▶ Tyler, Earl Gilliam:—Roy Harris, 183, the ole country boy from the colorful community of Cut and Shoot, Texas, laid his State heavyweight crown on the block in Tyler against powerful Don Tucker, 202, Tyler. Harris used his speed to elude the lumbering but dynamic punching Tucker, and ended hostilities in the third round with a right to the jaw.

Jackie Blair, 135, Dallas, iced Johnny Sheridan, 134, Chicago, in the first. Kenneth Painter, 165, beat Columbus Marshal, 158, in four. Don Glenn, 148, kayoed Bill Daughtry, 147, in the second. Alvin Green, 176, Houston, decisioned Norman Lee Chambers, 185, in four.

▶ Houston, T.B.E.:—Three tens and a six comprised the T.B.E. offering at the City Auditorium and the card as a whole was crammed with action.

In the top ten, Dave Walden, 130, Youngstown, Ohio, got a unanimous ten round decision over fast moving and clever Al Tisi, 126, of Brooklyn, New York. The bout was close all the way, but the bomb tossing aggressive style of the Ohio Negro was the deciding factor. It was Walden's fourth straight victory in Texas rings.

The ten rounder between Aldo Mente, 140, Brooklyn, N. Y., and southpaw cutey Solis Scott, 143, New Orleans, was the kind of bout that leaves you hoarse from hollering. What a tremendous thriller these two waged. Mente literally pulverized the Crescent City cutey in the ninth round with a vicious onslaught that left the crowd limp from excitement. Scott was finally stretched for the count.

The third ten was abbreviated. Ray Riojas, 136, Texas lightweight king, making his first start since recovering from a broken jaw, kayoed Rudy Gonzales, 131, Dallas, in the second round.

Lester Brown, 149, Houston, halted the undefeated record of the lighter Johnny Hopkins, 143, Cut and Shoot, by rendering him helpless in three rounds.

▶ Corpus Christi, Tony Padilla:—Joe Boland, 128, San Antonio, hammered out a ten round decision over the bobbing and weaving Latin from Mexico City, Kid Campeche, 128. They previously had battled to an eight round draw.

Gilbert Hinojosa, 149, Corpus Christi, starched Tony Gonzales, 146, Houston, in the fourth. Jesse Hernandez, 143, Corpus Christi, kayoed James "Gavilan" Easley, 140, Austin, in two. Jerry Nova, 136, Corpus Christi, stopped Frankie Chacon, 134, Austin, in one. Charles Patterson, 139, Austin, decisioned Ernesto Sanchez, 138, Corpus Christi, in four.

▶ Around the fight circle . . . . . Joe Brown, Lou Viscusi's lightweight, is positively the best 135 pounder I've seen. Watch him—he could take the whole pie. The Dark Destroyer has kayoed Ray Riojas, Ray Portilla, and Arthur Persley in his last three starts. Joe Brown's ready to shoot the works, he's never been more serious, and when the dusky New Orleans' bomber is in that frame of mind anything can happen . . . . . One of the finest young fighters in the ring today is Ernest Burford, Jack Lazarow's talented 150 pounder from Memphis, Tennessee . . . . . Roxy Kalo's heavyweight, Baker Gamble is a rugged crowd pleaser. The big boy's short on ring finesse, but he's a brawler from the word go . . . . . Johnny Bullard and Rocky Romair, a couple of veteran scrappers, have resumed training at Roxy's Gym . . . . . Mickey Brown, Texas middleweight Golden Glove king this year, is all set to turn pro. He should do okay.

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IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST RINGS
By R. D. Casey

PROMOTER JACK HURLEY'S CONTEMPLATED PARTNERSHIP with Cus D'Amato in the managing or matching of the highly publicized Floyd Patterson is currently the top fistic news of the Northwest. The "Deacon" will be a welcome and colorful addition to the national boxing scene as columnists from Coast to Coast well know Hurley is one of the top hands in the publicity department. As for Patterson himself, his status as a light-heavyweight contender is unchallengeable, but his rights to a Marciano heavyweight title shot is another story.

There is a ranking light-heavyweight here in Seattle, Eddie Cotton, who has a standing offer to fight Patterson on a "winner take all" basis anywhere, anytime. Since Archie Moore pulled out of those two matches with Cotton, the only way Eddie has been able to get near a 'name' fighter is to buy a ringside seat.

▶ ABERDEEN, WASH.—This logging town held a ring card in which the main event saw Fighting Bill Miller, 147, Seattle kayo Chico Morales, 147, Phoenix, Ariz. in three rounds of a good battle. Blackie Vanderveer, 147, Aberdeen knocked out Al Noriega, 148, Tacoma in 3. Tommy Berg, 149, Seattle outpointed Buzz Brown, 152, Boise, Idaho over 6 rds. YoYo Lewis, 147, Seattle stretched Leonard Jones, 150, Yakima in 2 heats. Al Cropley, 135, Lake Quinalt flattened Charley Guidny, 136, Seattle in 1:20 of the curtain raiser.

▶ PORTLAND, ORE.—The middleweight bout between Jimmy Martinez of Phoenix and Peter Mueller of Cologne Germany had an odd ending in the fifth heat when the German tripped over the Mexican's foot and struck his head on the ring post. This gave the Phoenix boy credit for a five round kayo over Mueller, who wept in his corner in pure frustration when he came to. It will make a good rematch.

Amos Lincoln, Portland's promising heavyweight prospect scored a 1 round kayo over George Tavares of Boise, Idaho.

Sonny Hett, 175, of Portland looked good in kayoing Vern Jenkins of Tacoma in two minutes of the first heat. This boy Hett improves with each fight and will bear watching.

Portland's lightweight sensation, school boy Willard Battling Nelson returned to the ring wars with a two round kayo over Ray Strong of Payette, Idaho.

▶ PORTLAND, ORE.—Peter Mueller, 160, Cologne, Germany got his much desired return match with Jimmy Martinez, 159, Phoenix, and pounded out a unanimous ten round win over the Arizona boy.

▶ In Seattle the Golden Gloves Tournament held sway. Picked as the out-standing fighter in the tourney was Bobby Hicks, Seattle's featherweight youngster who has won thirty some straight in the simon pures and appears to be headed for national honors. Rumor on the fight beat has Hicks turning pro soon and he will be one to watch.

The only repeat champion was rough and rugged Jack Puscas of Medford, Oregon in the lightweight division. Dale Morgan, Fort Lewis soldier looked the part of an old ring hand in the flyweight class and the rest were of average caliber.

▶ CASEY'S CORNER:—Up in Vancouver, Calgary's Johnny Salkeld staked a claim on the Pacific Northwest welter title when he posted a twelve round win over rugged Buddy McDonald. Now a match between Dick Lane and Salkeld would establish the undisputed Northwest welter king. Lane also holds a recent win over McDonald. . . . We are in receipt of a letter from Chuck Woods testifying to Bobby Woods' willingness to return here to defend his N. W. lightweight title against any worthy challengers over the twelve round route. . . .

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FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

LEO ALONZO, LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION OF the Philippines and the Orient, successfully defended his title by outpointing Omsap Laemfapha, 134, lightweight champion of Thailand in 12 rounds. It was a very unsatisfactory victory as the majority of the crowd could not believe that the Thailander could last the fourth round. Omsap was making a punching bag out of Alonzo. The Philippine champion could not solve the fighting style of the Thailander until the 5th when he landed his left and right to the chin, sending his rival to the floor but saved himself by clinging to the referee's legs.

Emil Tinde, who was to defend his featherweight title against S. S. Somkiat of Thailand, failed to appear. After the weigh-in, he was stricken with malaria and was taken to the Far Eastern University Hospital.

Larry Bataan, 122, was substituted for his former stablemate. Larry proved too clever and fast for his heavy slugging rival in the 10 rounder

Terry Blanker, 131, substituting for Baby Dundee stopped Vic Fuentes in the 7th round when they accidentally butted, causing a big cut between the eyes of Fuentes. The GAB doctor stopped the fight. Blackie Robinson, 108, badly outpointed Vic Campo, 109, in 8 rounds. Army Wonder Boy, 124, won over Puyas Boy, 125, in 6. Rocky Compio, 116, bested Buddy de Marco, 119, in 6 rounds. Johnny Pasalosdos, 129, whipped Mighty Bargan, 129, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Frisco Concepcion, 119, and Andy Valdes, 122, drew in 8 rounds in Concepcion, Tarlac. Little Raytranco, 111, lost to Frankie Young, 100, in 6 rounds. Rex Concepcion, 116, stopped Young Aida, 118, in the 3rd round.

Emil de Leon, 112, kayoed Narrison Kid, 109, in the 2nd. Jr. Lagman, 119, outboxed Fred Willison, 119, in 4. Baby Nestor 112, outscored Young Charlie, 111, in 4. Villa Lagman, 123, knocked out Al Guevarra, 119, in the 4th. Abel Tiki, 114, halted Buddy Guevarra, 109, in the very 1st round.

▶Tony Ganados, 126, kayoed Johnny Mortell, 121, in the 4th round of a main event bout in San Fernando, LaUnion. Baby Gambol, 116, bested Monte Cristo, 116, in 6 rounds. Rick Romano, 135, and Tiger Jones, 135, drew in 6. Romeo Gonzales, 112, stopped San Juan Boy, 113, in the 3rd round. Star Engito, 107, whipped Emil del Campo, III, in the 4 round bout. Larry Andrada, 125, kayoed Freddie Villa, 125, in the 1st round. Vic Mina, 113, halted Kid Garcia, 114, in the 4th round.

▶Joe Cruz, 116, and Vic Angeles, 118, fought in even terms in 6 rounds in Lucena, Quezon province. Leo Silvestre, 118, drew with Frank Mata Cruz, 117, in 6 rounds. Flash Salvador, 128, won over Ely Gallegos, 126, in 6. Speed Catahan, 124, lost to Villa Angeles, 128. Mario Galendo 125, beat Abe Lotena, 130, in 4. Star Evangelista, 125, lost to Arismendi Jr. 125, in 4. Leo Olaes 115, whipped Rocky Ponciano, 115, in 4 rounds. Ray Gravante, 131, stopped Roy Gregorio, 136 in the 2nd. Dommy Campo 111, beat Young Dumaquita, 111, in 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Kid Lawin, 118, kayoed Johnny Romero, 114 in the 2nd round in Siain, Quezon province. Rising Vizcaya, 129, and Johnny Kid, 128, drew in 4 rounds. Andy Eder, 120, halted Benny Romero, 117, in the 3rd. Panchito Kid, 112, and Station Boy, 108, drew in 4. Baby Pontelar, 120, drew with Flash Gordon, 120, in 4. Viscaya Kid, 122, stopped Speed Ramos, 120, in the 2nd round. Rush Martin, 126, and Little Rafael, 128, drew in 4 rounds. Duhat Kid, 130, kayoed Young Deseo, 124, in the 2nd. Star Felimon, 112, beat Ray Gonzales, 118, in 4 rounds.

▶King Tut, 132, won over Johnny Nabor, 129, in 8 rounds in San Fernando, La Union. Oscar Guban, 125, bested Ray Ming Chan, 126, in 8. Ray Sison, 118, halted Rocky Santos, 120, in the 5th. Lefty Bert, 126, kayoed Johnny Gamboa, 128, in the 4th. Kid Altona, 110, won Rush Tolena, 110, in 4. And Rocky Llerenas, 95, bested Rudy dela Cruz, 100, in the opening 4 round bout.

▶Montalban Kid, 122, won over Ernie Masangkay, 123, in 8 rounds in San Fernando La Union. Dado Corpus, 110, lost to Raytranco Kid, 110, in the supporting main event of 8 rounds. Spur Cula Kid, 114, bested Speedy Nasola, 118, in 6 rounds. Young Billy, 117, outboxed Kid Laquino, 118, in 6 rounder. Baby Corpus, 120, bested Baby Bunag, 123, in 6. Ziga Ziga Boy, 116, drew with Ray Sison, 112, in 4. Young Reynalds, 110, knocked out Star Dacanay, 105, in the 1st round. Little Duarte, 108, kayoed Young Rodall, 108, in the 1st round of the scheduled 4 rounds.

▶Vic Angeles, 115, knocked out Frank Mata Cruz, 118, in the 5th round in Lucena, Quezon province. Fighting Cito, 119, won over Little Matnog, 115, in 6. Flash Salvador, 126, bested Kid Villa, 130, in 4. Arismendi Jr., 123, lost to Flash Andy, 123, in 4 rounds. Al Manalang Jr., 130, defeated Kid Santos, 127, in 4. Leo Olaes, 115, stopped Little de Leon, 112, in the 2nd round. Little Forbes, 112, kayoed Pol Besas, 121, in the 1st round. Little Albano, 108, bested Young Jimmy, 105, in 4 rounds.

▶Rocky Briones, 129, knocked out Baby Dundee, 127, in the 2nd round in Pateros, Rizal. The knockout was a big surprise to all as Dundee was a heavy favorite. The betting odds was 2-1 in favor of Baby. James Hardman, Jr., 117, halted Little Baya, 116, in the very 1st round. Lourdinez, Jr., 112, stopped Marikina Boy, 119, in the 5th round. Mighting Bargan, 129, won over Max Pasalosdos, 130, in 4. And Tony Gomez, 115, knocked out Tiny Taylor, 110, in the 2nd round.

▶The writers is publishing the Oriental Ring Magazine which will come out of the press on March 15. It will deal with all boxing events in the Orient, Korea, Japan, Philippines, Malaya, Thailand and India.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND EASTERN OHIO
By Al Wolgast

PROMOTERS JACK TRAMMELL OF YOUNGSTOWN AND AL NAIMAN of Cleveland put together an excellent fight card but the best they could draw was about 900 fans at the Youngstown Arena.

Arlie Seifer, good looking middleweight from Pittsburgh, scored an eight round TKO over Marshall Clayton of Washington, D. C. Seifer's right hand jolts had Clayton bleeding profusely from the eye, nose and mouth.

Jimmy Quinn, 126, Youngstown, whipped Sam Lanier, 124, Youngstown, 4 rounds. Al Powell, 154, Canton, Ohio, scored a one round TKO over Earl Batie, 153, Warren, Ohio. Art Mayorga, 208, Youngstown, beat Gene Jackson, 198, Cleveland, in four. Bob Drummond, 176, Cleveland, banged out a six round win over John Crockett, 184, Washington, D. C. Willie Epps, 144, Youngstown, stopped Fritz McKinney, 146, Pittsburgh, in three. Ike Bell, 180, Youngstown, punched out a close one over John Hobart, 194, Niles, in 4 rounds.

▶Ten Second Shots: Tony Janiro, former welterweight star, is now located in Youngstown and is doing well in the tavern business.

LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY
By Ken (Duke) Stigner

THE 1956 GATHERING OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA's largest athletic group proved the biggest and finest when more than 1,200 men attended the seventh annual party of the Mid-Valley Old-Timers Athletic Association saluted former boxers in the Legion Hall, Throop, Pa. James H. Crowley, Chairman of the State Athletic Commission, was the principal speaker. He told of his aims.

Never before have so many former boxers attended a single gathering as the MOAA choose to give a rousing salute to boxers, trainers, promoters, referees, announcers and managers, who have thrilled devotees of the ring during the last 40 years. Many ex-gladiators renewed friendships in recalling feature battles in their successful and colorful careers.

▶Waiting for the Bell . . . Before this is in print the Elks will have had their annual amateur show . . . Carbondale also going with the simon-purers . . . Before long pro boxing will be back in action here in Scranton on a monthly basis. . . . My address is 109 Robinson St., Chinchilla, Pa. . . . Keep Punching.

PITTSBURGH PUNCHES
By Mickey Davies

TOM TANNAS, ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED gentlemen in the boxing business, has acquired the managerial rights to young L. C. Morgan, talented Youngstown lightie.

▶Jackie Conn, younger brother of Billy, is back in the auto business in Pittsburgh. Brother Billy is available for guest spots around the country. Contact this reporter for services at 5607 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh 6, Pa., HI land 1-6453.

▶Jackie Burke, former Brownsville middle, is now serving in a sales capacity for a large milk company, covering four states.

▶Hymie Schwartz and Billy Conn have signed former amateur stars Johnny Morris and Henry Hickman.

▶Pat DeGaulle (nee' Clyde Mayberry) is back in Pittsburgh ready for action.

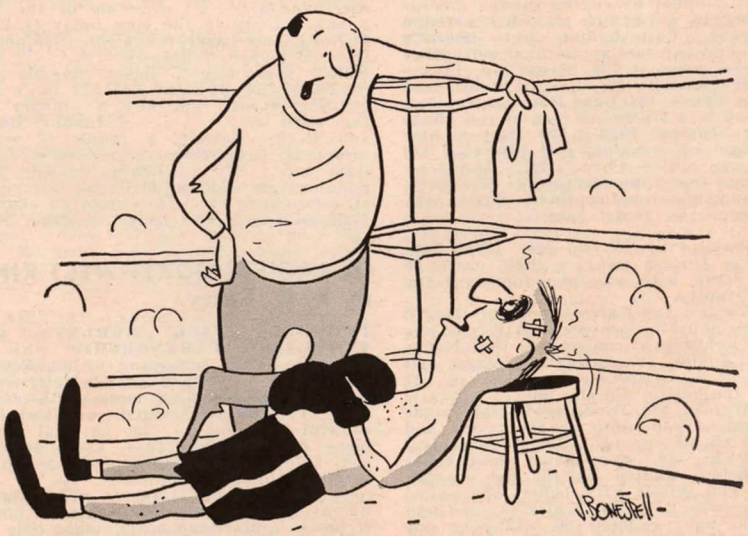
▶The Gardens—Charley (Sonny) Liston, St. Louis, decisioned Marty Marshall, Detroit (10). Reybon Stubbs, 149, East End, edged Charley Glover, 153, Cincinnati, (8). Cowboy Ernie Smith, 152, Rochester, Pa., thrashed Arley Seifer, 153, North Side (6). Wilf Greaves, 155, Pittsburgh, bested Howard Swartz, 156, Cincinnati (6). Jesse Bowdrey, 162, St. Louis, beat Henry Bronco, 155, Detroit, (4).

Gross gate $8,600 . . . Show promoted by Benny Anolik.

CLEVELAND NEWS
By Harold Walsh

THE FINAL GOLDEN GLOVE TOURNAMENT staged by the Cleveland Plain Dealer brought out more than 8,000 fans for a sixteen bout program.

▶Mike McKinney, who staged boxing shows for a half century in Canton, died recently at the age of 81. His greatest shows were two bouts in which Jack Britton figured. Britton knocked out Ted Lewis for the title on St. Patrick's Day, 1919, and on the day that Jack Dempsey defeated Jess Willard, Britton defended his title against Johnny Griffiths of Akron in 15 rounds. Griff gave Jack a great battle but defended his crown.



"THIS IS THE END THAT NEEDS THE REST!"

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

JOHNNY SUMMERLIN RETURNED HOME FOLLOWING another sensational victory on the West Coast over Young Jack Johnson, the California state champion, his eleventh straight without defeat. Despite having gained a ten-round decision over Johnson last May, the 24-year-old Detroit heavyweight entered the ring the underdog, but when he left, everyone was impressed that there would be no necessity for a third match between the pair.

All four Los Angeles papers had nothing but the finest praise for John's performance. John Hall of the LA Mirror-News said in part: "The crowd of 4,500, paying a gross gate of $6,100, went away convinced that Summerlin is the best heavyweight in the business outside of Marciano".

▶ Although weather conditions were enough to keep any ordinary fight fan at home, a crowd of 1,562 brave spectators, who paid a gross gate of $3,362, turned out for Jack Stein's second offering at Lansing's beautiful and newly constructed Civic Center. Stein featured a pair of ten rounders with ranking lightweight Kenny Lane, of Muskegon, and Bimini's Yama Bahama as main attractions.

Lane, 139½, scored his 38th victory in 43 starts when he plodded his way to a unanimous decision over Issac Vaughn, 136, formerly of Cincinnati, now operating out of Chicago. The Windy City pugilist kept Kenny busy in the early rounds, but the clever protege of Pete Petroskey took complete command in the later rounds with his effective although not sensational southpaw style.

The improvement of Bahama, 149, was obvious in his rematch with Carlo Sarlo, 147, Chicago. Sarlo had defeated Bahama in August of 1954, but was never in this one. Bahama boxed coolly and defensively and was Sarlo's master.

Joe Gray, 160, Dearborn, rolled up his 12th straight victory without much trouble from one Vern Alexander, 157, Flint. Alexander tried hard, but was slipping and falling to the canvas repeatedly (eight times) when the mismatch was finally halted in the fifth. John Gillespie, 153, Benton Harbor, upset John L. Parry, 150, Dearborn, in a hard slugging bee, and another four, the opener, had Al Johnson, 142, Benton Harbor, besting Chuck Taylor, 137½, Detroit.

▶ After numerous postponements, Detroiters Marty Marshall and John Riggins finally met in their oft-delayed state 175-pound championship bout at the St. Francis Gym in Traverse City. The affair, which was promoted by the St. Francis CYO, drew a small crowd of only 933 fans who chipped in a gross gate of $1,600 to watch the champion Marshall questionably defend his title in a bout that was a far cry from sensational.

Riggins was the aggressor and the better boxer by far, with the gangling Marshall scoring his best at long range although missing repeatedly. In close, the challenger Riggins excelled, but apparently it all went for naught. Actually John tried his hardest to make a good fight out of a dull affair, but the reluctant champion was not willing. The ten-round split decision favoring Marshall was met with considerable displeasure. Judges Max Carter and Thomas Visner favored Marshall by 98-94 and 97-96, respectively, while the referee Doug Fairbanks called the bout a draw, 96 points apiece.

The victory was Marshall's 22nd in 32 starts over a span of ten years of fighting. Although the disputed verdict broke Riggins undefeated string of ten, John returned to the win column six nights later when he decisioned Al Lane, of Chicago, in a six rounder at Chicago.

Mickey Crawford, Saginaw welter, outslugged Virgil Williams, of Toledo, in a six; Detroit lightweights, Napoleon Ludy and Dunn Dixton, met for the fourth consecutive time with the former winning by KO; and lightweight Chuck Taylor nodded Tony Blocko.

▶ The Bethune Precinct Youth club, coached by policemen Forrest Foster and Gordon Smith, and trained by former featherweight ace, Luther Burgess, won the Golden Gloves championship here in Detroit. Title winners were:

Open division: Osee Groom, heavyweight; Robert Strumbaugh, 175 lbs; Rudolph Stringer, 160 lbs; John Powell, 147 lbs; Charles Yates, 135 lbs; Vince Maglaya, 126 lbs; and Robert Cornwell, 118 lbs.

Novice division: Walter Abbott, 175 lbs; Robert Wordlaw, 160 lbs; Ben Stewart, 147 lbs; Omar Chamie, 135 lbs; Nathaniel Perdue, 126 lbs; and Enoch Mapp, 118 lbs.

Junior novice division: Henry Sobezak, heavyweight; Leo Bailey, 160 lbs; Thomas Payne, 147 lbs; George Zapp, 135 lbs; Leonard Shreve, 126 lbs; Roger Lancina, 118 lbs; Harold Clark, 112 lbs; Joseph Powell, 110 lbs.

▶ BEHIND THE HEADLINES . . . Activity is buzzing again in the new Motor City Fighting Gymnasium located at 4647 Woodward Avenue. Such outstanding boys as Johnny Summerlin, Clarence "Duke" Harris, Chuck Speiser, Lester Felton, Eli Leggett, Harold Jones, Raul Pardo, Stanley Kursa, Eddie Smith, Don Jasper, Ted Wright, John Riggins and many others are working out regularly. . . . Judge Andrew "Kid" Brown, celebrating his 30th year in boxing, is writing his life story. Best of luck to one of the finest supporters of boxing that this writer has ever met. . . . Toledo's fistic impresario, Sid Goldberg, will swing back into action again with popular Pat Lowry, returning to action after a seven-month layoff. Goldberg, who hopes to land a name opponent for Lowry, will also feature Forrest Foster's fine lightheavy prospect, John Riggins.

Clarence "Duke" Harris is ready, willing and eager to meet any 145 pounder in the world and his fine record speaks for itself. . . . Latest word from Olympia promoter Nick Londes's camp is that he is dickering for and hopes to have both or either Johnny Summerlin or Chuck Speiser for national TV show originating from out of the Auto Capital. Both are very outstanding contenders in their class. . . . Harold Lyons, Jim Bowlin's promising young lightweight, is out of the Army and in training once again.

▶ Promotes interested in talent from this section of the country, or fighters interested in action hereabouts, may contact this reporter or promoter Willie Dominguez at the Motor City Fighting Gymnasium, 4647 Woodward Avenue, Detroit 1, Michigan, or phone FAirmont 1-1121 or FAirmont 1-1122.

IOWA, SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

SIOUX CITY, IA.—CHAMPIONS CROWNED IN THE SIOUX CITY Golden Gloves tournament under the sponsorship of the Sioux City Journal produced some of the best prospects in this area. Billy Pisachubbe, a native of Oklahoma, now airman at the Ellsworth Air Base, South Dakota, age 20, won the bantamweight title; Bobby Irby, Jackson, Neb., age 18, won the 126-pound title and the flyweight crown was won by Pat Coughlin, of Sioux City, age 16, a high school student, Daniel Webster, of Macy, Neb., age 21, a plumber's helper gained the lightweight championship. The welterweight crown was won by George Cruz, at 17, a high school student from Belle Fourche, So. Dak.; the middleweight title was won by Leonard Koch, Akron. Ia., age 19, a college student from LeMars, Iowa; the light-heavyweight title went to Eddie Hawkins, (Negro), age 24, airman at the Ellsworth base, South Dakota and a former Sioux City Morningside College Football player, Terry Lewis, age 20, won the heavyweight crown. All in all it was a great tournament.

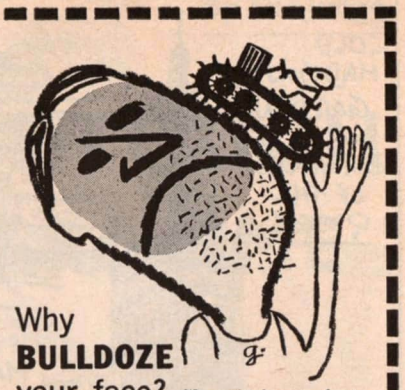
▶ LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . . Referees in this area that rate honorable mention in this spot are Leo Mahon, Don Emmick and Bill Engel . . . Leo Mahon won the welterweight Golden Gloves title in 1938 and 1939 and the middleweight title in 1940 . . . Don Emmick was a Golden Gloves bantam champion in 1940 and 1941 . . .

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
by Lenny Myers

IN ONE OF THE BEST BOUTS EVER SEEN at the Chicago Stadium, Bobby Boyd, Chicago's top ranking middleweight, pounded out the decision in ten furious rounds over Eduardo Lausse of Argentina. Boyd, an underdog, proved his ability to take a good punch and then came back roaring with plenty of his own. Lausse suffered three cuts around his face which bled profusely throughout the bout. Boyd used a stiff left jab in all the rounds which had Lausee's head snapping back with a thud.

Referee Frank Sikora scored the bout in favor of Lausse with the two judges favoring Boyd. Sikora's vote met with much disapproval from the 4,227 fans who contributed to a net gate of $8,342.39. Judge John Bray scored it 94-91 for Bobby Boyd and Judge Spike McAdams had it 95-88 for Boyd. Your correspondent scored the bout 94-90 for Bobby Boyd.

In the prelims, Al Jones, 155, St. Louis, won a disputed six-round decision which was split over Eddie Simms, 160, Chicago. Bobby Rogers, 132, Chicago, stopped Auburn Copeland, 132, Flint, Michigan, in the 6th and final round. Marion Simms, 165, Chicago, stopped Ted McKane, 172, Hamilton, Ontario, in the 4th heat. Johnny Riggins, 181, Cincinnati, defeated Al Lane, 188, Chicago, in six hard rounds. The show was presented by the International Boxing Club and nationally televised.



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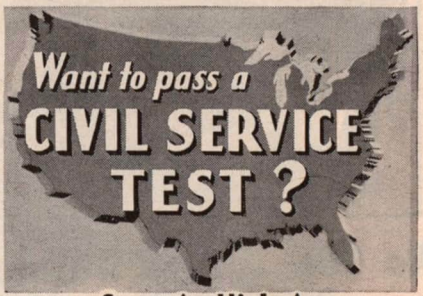

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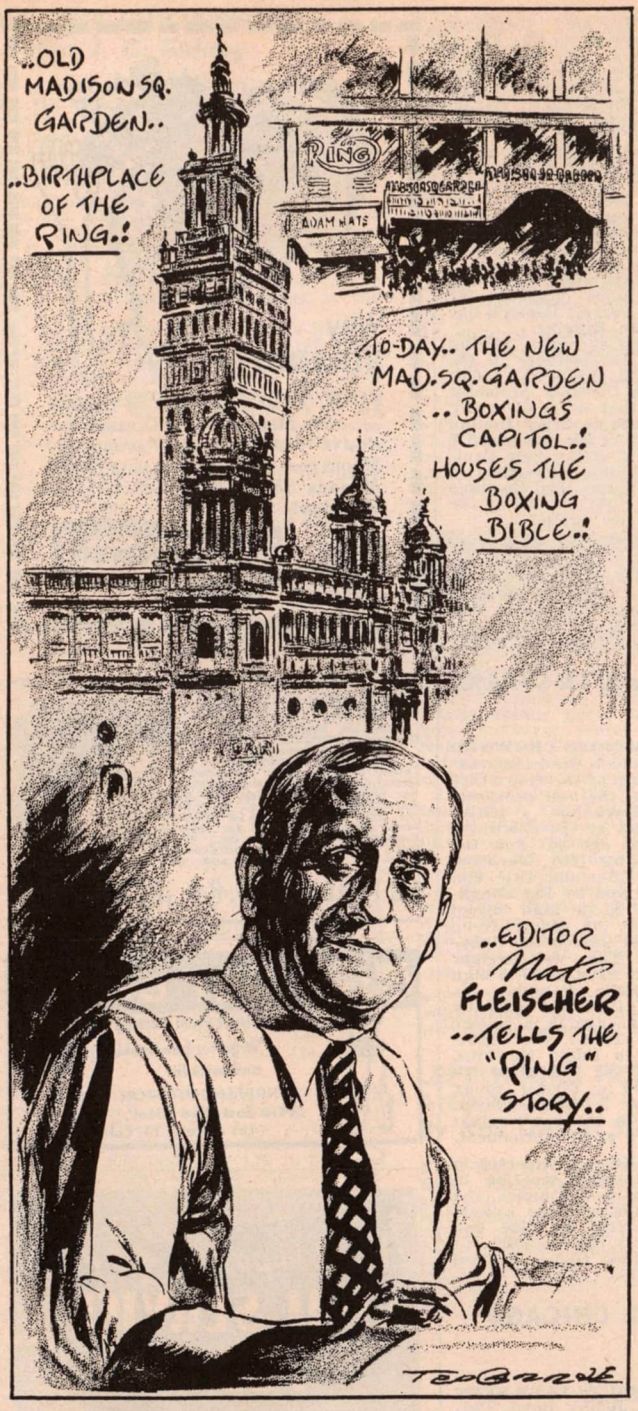

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By The Judge

OUR AMATEURS HAVE TOUGH PRE-OLYMPICS PROGRAMME

Poles should beat A.B.A. Team

Great Britain's 1956 amateur champions have their immediate future heavily planned for them. To have three internationals all laid out nice and dry with the distinct possibility of getting a severe wetting, each time seems to me to be rather tough preparation for the men who might be selected for Melbourne in November.

With the possible idea that hard ring work is the best training manual for their team for the Olympics, the A.B.A. selectors accepted a match with Poland in Warsaw at the beginning of this month, and as if that wasn't seeking trouble with a capital T., the A.B.A. go to Helsinki next month to face the Finns.

Banging the drum in a loud way in Moscow, the Russians have let it be known they will be meeting the A.B.A. team in Moscow in May, this month. The Soviets are looking forward to this fixture. The A.B.A. team will fly to Moscow for two matches before flying to Helsinki to meet the Finns. These contests should give our selectors a line on the team for Melbourne in November.

Who would be an amateur boxing champion? Travelling the world with gloves on may have its pleasant moments, but when it means taking a score or more punches on the nose, the sight-seeing that follows is somewhat clouded. Even so it is supposed to cement friendship, and for that I am prepared to do anything.

The first match this month with the Poles is one I am sure no other amateur team from this country has been called on to face. The Polish amateurs are the toughest and most polished amateur boxers in the world.

They proved this by winning three

Ron Redrup's face takes on a new twist after a left hook lands from Bernard Foster (Mitchell and Butler) at West Ham Baths. Redrup's straight right misses, but the West Ham boxer received a narrow points decision.

titles in the European championships last year, and this was strengthened by their being voted the best all round boxers in that "junior" Olympic.

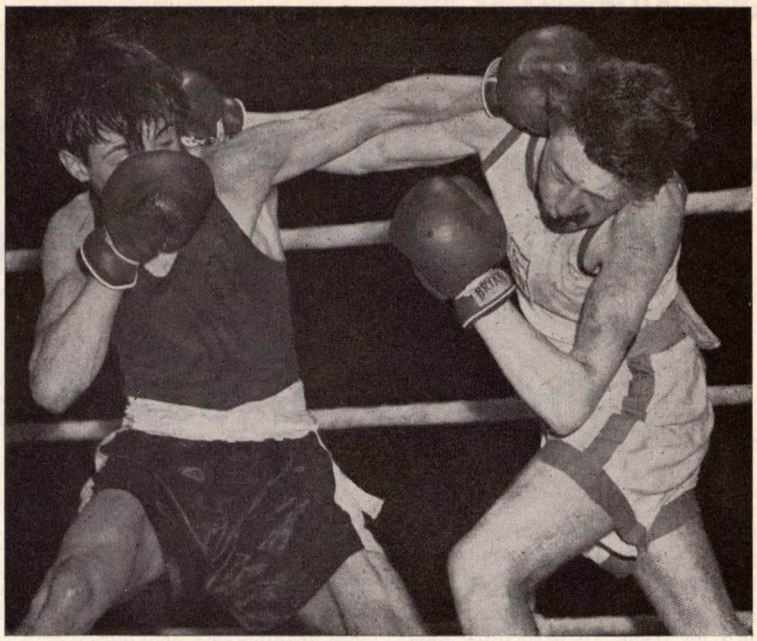
WATCH THE POLES

As a matter of fact, I believe they will win more Olympic boxing titles than any other country, in Melbourne,—but whatever happens to the brave band of British amateurs who face them towards the end of this month in Warsaw, anyone who can register a clear cut win for England will be a *must* for our Olympic choice.

Our new champions are good; but no manner of reasoning can convince me that they will be good enough to lick the Poles. That would be just wishful thinking.

Yet all this fighting the hard way will make for a better team to wear the Rose of England in the vast stadium at Melbourne.

The match with the Finns should be more to our liking and measure. The Finns are first class, and barring accidents, the A.B.A. team could reach Moscow fairly free from damage to once more show the Soviets the correct way to punch . . . although here again the chances of our team returning victorious are very slight.



P. J. Abley (Eton Manor), his face spattered with blood, ducks to avoid left from V. Osborne (Port of London Authority) during the London Federation of Boy's Clubs championships at the Albert Hall. Osborne won on points in this 9st 7lb contest.

REDRUP WINS

One of the keenest contests I have seen in a long time was the much publicised match between Bernard Foster, the Midlands holder of the light-middleweight title, and Ronnie Redrup, the top-of-the-tree middleweight.

I thought Redrup's variety of punches, he is a southpaw . . . just about earned him the decision, but Foster's cleverness will stand him in great stead this year.

Stepney and St Georges club, popular East London fistic nursery which produced Sammy McCarthy, look like unearthing several more top liners.

Johnny Thurgood, No 1 welterweight, has joined their ranks, and it was in the Stepney colours that he so brilliantly beat that baby-faced terror from Dublin, *Harry Perry*.

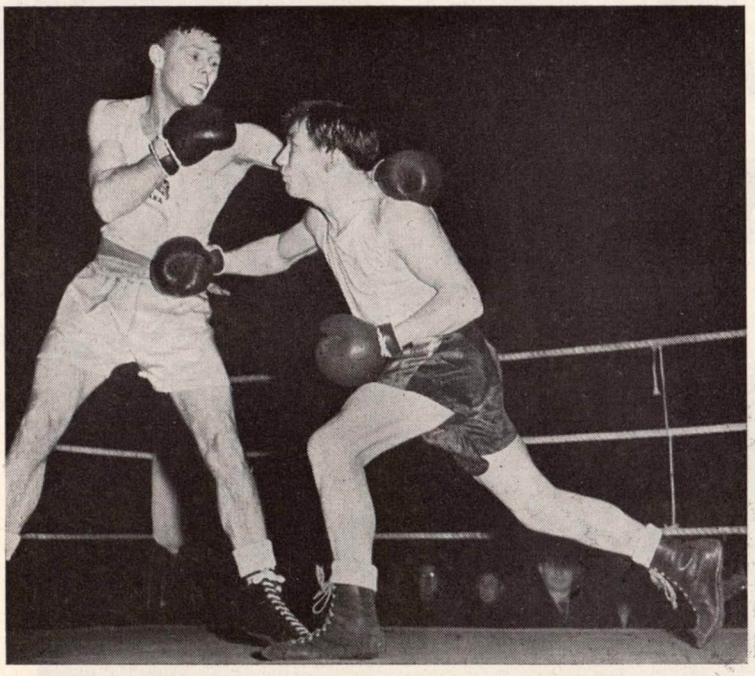
Boy with a big punch is Charlie Reeder weighing 170 pounds. A pip of a right hander that travelled no more than a foot stretched Arthur Edwards, promising young heavyweight from Langham, flat on his back inside *70 seconds!*

Brains behind all these Stepney stoppers is club instructor *Johnny Mann*, who as a Stepney member in the thirties, reached an A.B.A. featherweight-final.

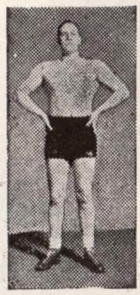
Frank and Jim Bowling, boxing brothers from Chingford club, promise to make a record. All this season the Bowlings have been notching up victories over top class boxers. Frank is a solid hitter while Jim prefers the more cleverer stuff. Both want to emulate their clubmate Derek Lloyd who won the A.B.A. flyweight title last year. The Bowlings are lightweights and could each be in line for the lightweight title next year.

West Ham club, patronised by a member of Nobility, have new championship material in Terry Collins, a light-middle, and Ron Jones, a smart bantamweight. Each has done well this season, and in company with Terry Gill, the welterweight I mentioned last month, could be knocking at the championship door next season. S. Hegarty, a light-heavy, and Bob Wilson, a useful light welter, are also on the way to the top.

On their training nights in their luxurious gymnasium attached to an old world public house, a present from Colonel J. Courage, a well-known Brewer, these lads have the best possible chance of



Johnny Thurgood (Stepney and St. Georges), left, misses with his left as Jim Bowling (Chingford) rushes in and scores with right to body. Thurgood, however, won on points at Stepney.



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reaching the top. They all in turn have a bang at Ron Redrup their middleweight who has done so well this season.

ADAMS AND SON!

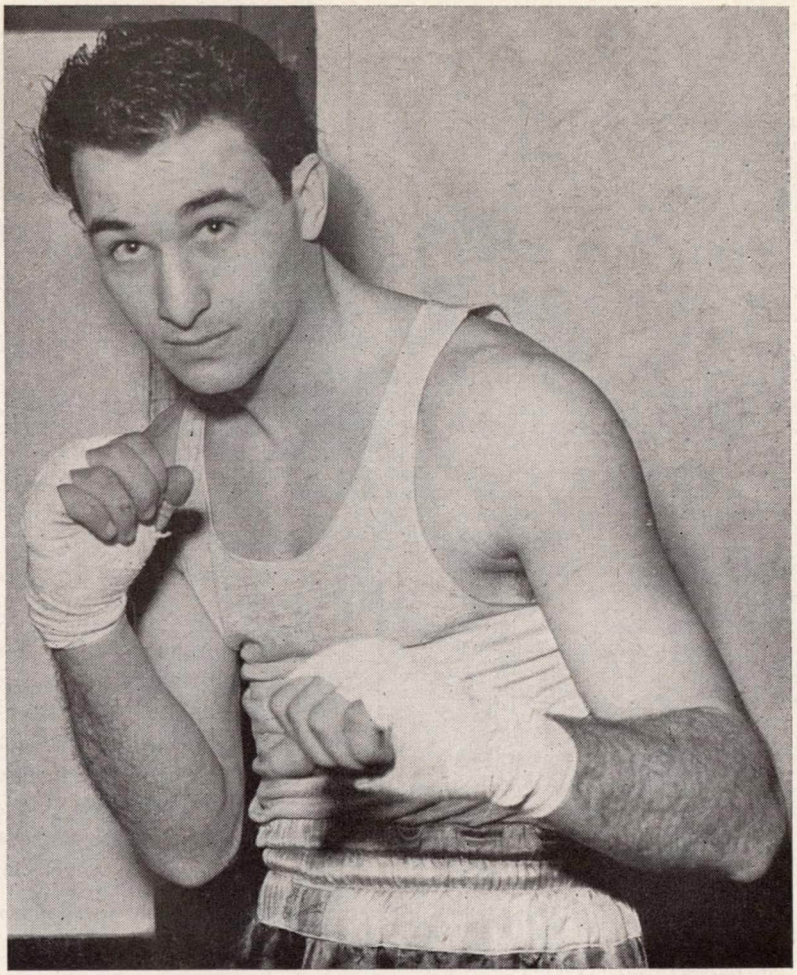
Several years ago amateur boxing began to take a prominent part in Indian sport. Behind it all was a South Londoner Chief Police Superintendant Adams who eventually arranged two tournaments in Bombay. Prominent British amateurs like Ronnie Latham, the then lightweight champion, and Terry Wakeling (Lynn) were flown out specially for top-line contests against the cream of Indian boxing. Both the English boys won their respective bouts and were presented with beautifully engraved silver belts.

Here at home, being educated at Dulwich College was a Terry Adams and it was not long before Terry won all it was possible to in school boxing. He was the son of Police Chief Adams.

Today as captain of boxing at Oxford University where he is studying philosophy and psychology at Brasenose College, Terry Adams means to do what no other University boxer has done since American Rhodes scholar *Eddie Eagan* won the heavyweight A.B.A. crown.

Terry captained the Oxford team that beat Cambridge quite recently and was considered good enough to enter the A.B.A. championships. But this is not yet Terry's time. It might come later when he hopes to win the light-middle or middleweight title. At the moment he is certainly the best boxer in the Varsities.

Only other prominent scholar to shine in boxing is American heavyweight Wes. Boodish at St Andrews, Scotland who won the Scottish Universities heavyweight title by stopping J. G. McIntyre, the holder, recently.



TERRY COLLINS

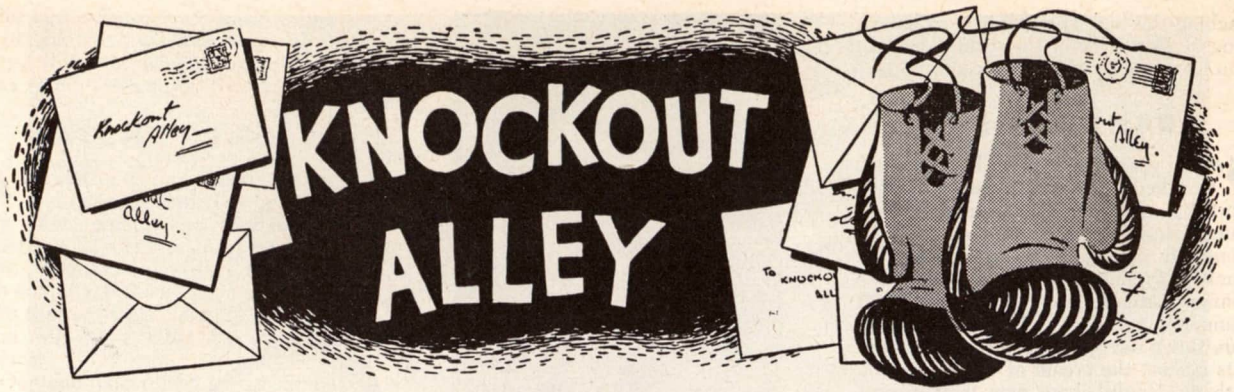
This smart light-middleweight from West Ham will have to be watched next season.

BRITISH AMATEUR RATINGS – By The Judge

(Up to and including April 1, 1956)

HEAVYWEIGHTS (Over 178 pounds)	LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS (Not over 178 pounds)	MIDDLEWEIGHTS (Not over 165 pounds)	LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHTS (Not over 156 pounds) Champion: B. FOSTER (Mitchell & Butler)	WELTERWEIGHTS (Not over 148 pounds) Champion: N. GARGANO (Covent Garden)
Title vacant	Title vacant	Title vacant		
1. D. Rent (Maple Leaf)	O. Bowen (Wales)	R. Rerupd (West Ham)	J. McCormack (N. B. Loco)	J. Colwell (Wales
2. R. Please (Wales)	D. Mooney (Lanark)	B. Wells (RAF)	P. Burke (Manco)	J. Thurgood (Stepney)
3. SGT Bray (Army)	R. Sangoe (Army)	M. Rowlinson (Army)	D. Hinder (Swansea)	T. Gill (Army)
4. P. James (Navy)	T. Green (Hull)	C. Calderwood (Craigneux)	Cpl. Batterham (Army)	J. McLoughran (Sandemouth)
5. J. Seenan (Scotland)	J. Gribble (RAF)	Tel. Hone (Navy)	J. Cunningham (RAF)	G. Mullen (Birkenhead)
6. J. Robinson (Belfast)	A/B Taylor (Navy)	R. Price (Wales)	A/B Gleeson (Navy)	P. Byrne(R. Northern)
7. D. Thomas (Poly)	T. Madigan (Fulham)	B. Campbell (Birkenhead)	R. Francis (Brixton)	R. Wolff (Welter B.C.)
8. A. John (Cardief)	D. Hack (Hemel Hempstead)	G. Aldridge (Army)	R. Garnett (Earlsfield)	G. Arnold (Vauxhall Mptors)
9. H. Roberts (Brit. RLYS)	R. Wingrove (Dagenham)	T. Southall (Newbridge)	M. Loughran (Tradah)	Marine Dancy (Navy)
10. L. Findley (West Wylam)	F. Thomas (Newport)	J. Plenty (Bristol)	R. Nichol (Birkenhead)	M. Leahy (Coventry)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHTS (Not over 140 pounds)	LIGHTWEIGHTS (Not over 133 pounds)	FEATHERWEIGHTS (Not over 126 pounds) Champion: T. NICHOLLS (Sankey's Wellington)	BANTAMWEIGHTS (Not over 119 pounds)	FLYWEIGHTS (Not over 112 pounds)
Title vacant	Title vacant		Title vacant	Title vacant
1. D. Howard (Manco)	A. Ashwell (Hull)	G. McMillan (Brookside)	A. Reddy (Ireland)	A. Ambrose (Army)
2. H. Perry (Ireland)	M. Collins (Wales)	A. Day (Army)	D. Weller (Battersea)	P. Walsh (R. Northern)
3. N. Jenkins (Wales)	Cpl. Coote (Army)	J. Guthbert (Army)	J. Morrissy (Lanark)	R. Davies (Army)
4. T. McGinness (Army)	R. McTaggert (RAF)	S. Elliott (Wales)	A/C O'Reilly (RAF)	J. Dunn (Shildon)
5. Tel. Beddall (Navy)	G. Martin (Fisher)	K. Dry (Hull)	J. Thomas (Cardiff)	C. Rafter (N. City)
6. G. Carle (Rotax)	A/B Dunning (Navy)	A/B Ridley (Navy)	E. Maynard (Army)	J. McGeogh (RAF)
7. G. Tiedt (Ireland)	A/C J. Kidd (RAF)	P. Warren (Stepney)	A/B Dunkley (Navy)	A/B Mason (Navy)
8. H. Edwards (Army)	S. Coffey (Manco)	R. Sullivan (Army)	F. Gilroy (Ireland)	R. Gabriel (Wales)
9. H. Mees (Patchways)	T. Byrne (Dublin)	F. Woodman (Earlsfield)	C. Hone (Army)	A. Jones (Willmott)
10. D. Stone (Battersea)	M. Gregg (Exeter)	A. Devlin (Pla)	B. Blight (Plymouth)	R. Lake (Cardieff)



YOUR COLUMN refereed by Charles Courage

DESMOND HINTON (Grove-ave., Honeybourne).

Q.—If Jack Johnson was boxing to-day at his beat would you pick him to beat Rocky Marciano?

A.—Yes.

L. McNALLY (Carter Terrace, Manchester).

Q.—Would you give me information about Tommy O'Toole. I believe he fought Abe Attell and Owen Moran? Were Tom and Mike Gibbons brothers. What part of Ireland were they born?

A.—O'Toole was born Dec 17, 1886, Philadelphia. Majority of his bouts were of the "no decision" variety because at that time referees were not allowed by law to give decisions in New York State. Most of his bouts were limited to six rounds. He met among others, Ike Bradley, Abe Attell, Owen Moran, Ad Wolgast and beat Joe Bowker, 2 rds. Mike and Tom Gibbons are brothers. Mike born St Paul, U.S.A. July 20, 1888; Tom born March 22, 1889. Both are still alive.

A. POTTER (Burfield-st., Leicester).

Q.—What was the result of the Larry Gains—Reggie Meen fight? When and where did it take place?

A.—Gains won won on disqualification, 4 rounds, Leicester, Feb 13, 1933.

P. J. KEATS (Perey-rd., London, W. 12).

Q.—Was either of the fights between Joe Louis and Max Schmeling for the world heavyweight title?

A.—Schmeling k.o. Louis 12 rounds, June 19, 1936. This was a non-title fight. Jim Braddock was then champion. Louis later beat Braddock and defended title against Schmeling knocking out the German in one round, June 22, 1938.

FRANCIS H. KAHN (Sura, Fiji Islands).

Q.—Why wasn't there a return fight between Fitzsimmons and Corbett? How many times did Corbett fight Tom Sharkey and the results? Did Corbett fight Jack Dempsey?

A.—It was too obvious Fitzsimmons would win. Corbett and Sharkey fought a 4 rounds draw at San Francisco, June 24, 1896; Corbett lost to Sharkey on foul New York, 9 rounds, Nov 22, 1898.—No.

KNOCKOUT ALLEY

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W. MALLAGHAN (Havana-st., Belfast).

Q.—I maintain that Billy Kelly fought Roy Ankrah twice over 10 and 15 rounds for the British Empire title. Am I correct?

A.—Yes. Kelly lost first on points and won the Empire title about over 15 rounds on points.

JIM MULLON (Lyttlesdale, Derry).

Q.—Was Ray Robinson ever world welterweight champion? How tall is Rocky Marciano?

A.—Yes. Beat Tommy Bell for title. Vacated the title after winning the world middleweight championship from Jake LaMotta. Marciano is 5ft 11ins.

KEITH FRANKLIN (Westfields, Buckingham).

Q.—Has any world championship ended in a draw? Can you tell me something of Jack Dempsey, "The Nonpareil"? Who held the world heavyweight title for the longest time?

A.—Yes, ten title fights at different weights have ended in draws. Right name, John Kelly. Born in Co Kildare, Ireland, Dec 15, 1862; died Nov 2, 1895. Won world middleweight title and held it for seven years, lost it to Bob Fitzsimmons. Joe Louis. 12 years.

H. POWELL (Shaftesbury-ave., Folkestone).

Q.—Will you please give dates and results of Woodcock—Lesnevich and the two Mills—Lesnevich fights. My argument is that Woodcock fought Lesnevich first?

A.—Woodcock stopped Lesnevich 8 rouids, Sept 17, 1946; Mills beaten by Lesnevich 10 rounds May 14, 1946; Mills outpointed Lesnevich for world light-heavyweight title, July 26, 1948.

D. PHELAN (Lower Knockboy, Waterford).

Q.—Who was the last non-American boxer to win the world heavyweight title?

A.—Primo Carnera. He beat Jack Sharkey, June 29, 1933.

W. CAMPBELL (Trafford-st., Scunthorpe).

Q.—When did Joe Louis and Billy Conn have their second fight?

A.—June 19, 1946, at the Yankee Stadium, New York, Louis scoring a k.o. in 8th round.

T. CARVILLE (Sandringham Drive, Salisbury, S. Rhodesia).

Q.—Who was the first heavyweight champion of the world? One friend says John L. Sullivan, another James J. Corbett. What were the names of fighters who beat Joe Louis?

A.—Jim Corbett defeated Sullivan at New Orleans Sept 7, 1892. Gloves were used for the first time. Sullivan was the last of the bare knuckle champions. Louis was beaten by Max Schmeling, Ezzard Charles, and Rocky Marciano.

K. LEWSON (Shakespeare-ave., Mansfield Woodhouse).

Q.—In the January edition of The Ring I read in the Hall of Fame the name of Gentleman Jackson. I often heard my father give details of him but should like a few details of his life.

A.—John Jackson, born London, Sept 25, 1769. Height 5ft 11" weight, 14st 6lb. Known as "Gentleman Jackson" because of his polished demeanour and charitable deeds. He was also an athlete of note outside of the Prize Ring having won distinction as a jumper and sprinter. His principal battles were: Beat William Fewterell, who had never been beaten before in 1 hour 7 mins; Jackson retired to George Ingelstone in 20 mins on account of breaking his leg in falling. Defeated Daniel Mendoza in 9 rounds. Died in London Oct 7, 1845, buried in Brompton Cemetary where a handsome marble monument was erected to his memory.

A. STEELE (London-rd., Kings Lynn).

Q.—Please give dates when Eddie Phillips (Bow) fought Jack Doyle.

A.—Stopped Doyle 2 rounds, Harringay, Sept 27, 1938. Stopped Doyle 1st round, White City, London, July 10, 1939.

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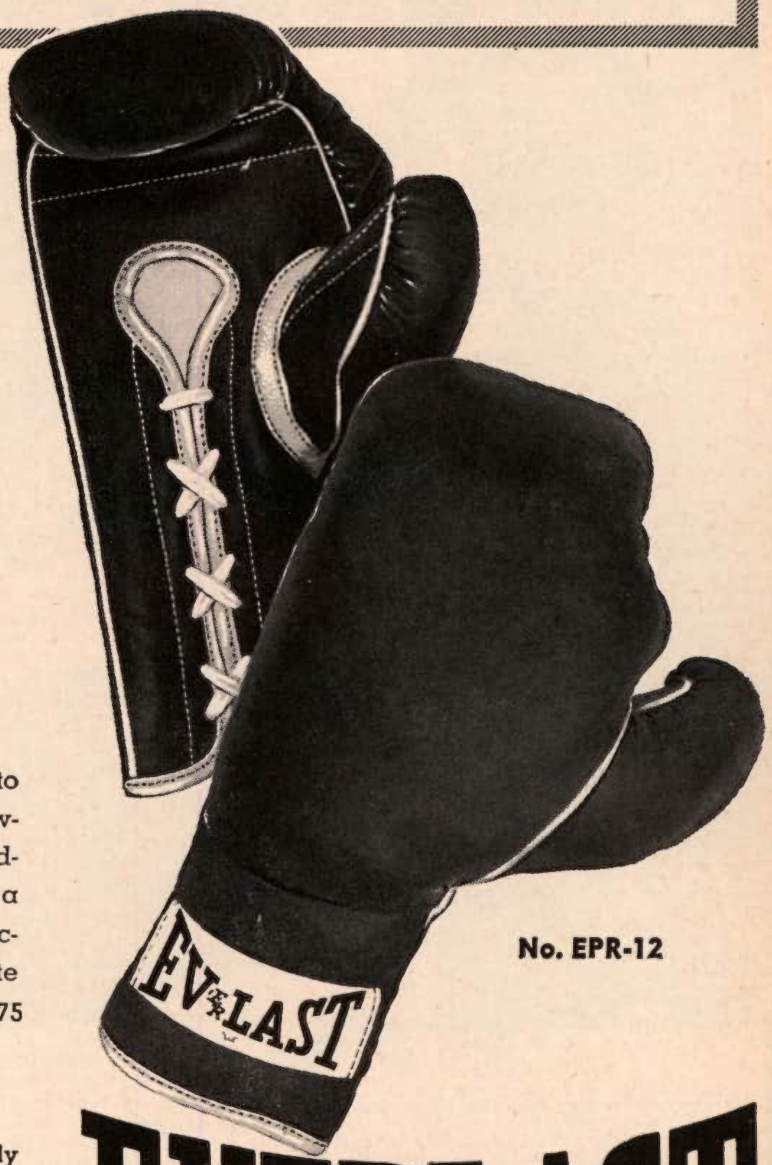

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